



United Methodist Community Ministries Of the Capitol Area Districts

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2018 GRANT PROGRAMS

In 2016, United Methodist Community Ministries (UMCM) awarded 77 grants for a total of \$222,915. The UMCM Board and Local Outreach Committee are pleased to announce the 2018 Grant Program. By way of grant funding, UMCM encourages congregations across Capitol Area North and South Districts to reach out and serve those in your local communities via missional ministries. UMCM and Capitol Area North and South District leadership have stated funding priorities for ministries which 1) create discipleship opportunities; 2) transform communities; 3) are sustainable. Please pass the word along about this opportunity to help fund new ministries to reach new people right in your neighborhood.

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES

The grant application for funding in 2018 will be available by **August 1, 2017**, and the **deadline for submission will be October 3, 2017**. During October, every Ministry program will have a site-visit by a member of the UMCM Local Outreach Committee (LOC). On **November 1, 2017** the LOC will review the applications and make determinations on which grants and amounts will be recommended for funding to the UMCM Board, who will give final approval at their November 8 Board Meeting. Notice of awards will be mailed after that meeting.

LOCAL CHURCH GRANTS

New for 2018: Funding limit per church is \$5,000. The application is more streamlined. The Ministry Partnership application was eliminated. A Ministry Partnership must apply in affiliation of a local United Methodist Church who is a strong partner.

For 2018 - \$78,700 is available for grants across the CAN and CAS Districts. Examples of missions that have been supported in the past are: Refugee Assistance, Personal Needs Pantries, Freedom Schools, Prison Ministries, Community Gardens, Free Stores, etc. Preference will be given to new(er), innovative ministries so be creative! Your Church may submit more than one grant application, subject to the \$5,000 per Church limit. Grant forms will be available at <https://umcommin.org/grants.php> by August 1.

MICRO GRANTS

New for 2018: Funding limit is \$1,000 per ministry.

UMCM has \$15,000 available for "Micro Grants". A one-page application is simple to fill out and may be used for projects that a church wants to begin or boost as start-up ministries, or for emergency funding for existing ministries. These are one-time only grants. Applications are available throughout the year, until funding is exhausted. Micro-grants may not be paid to a ministry which is being funded by a Local Church Grant in the same year.

OTHER GRANTS

UMCM encourages our churches to be creative and risk-taking in fulfilling the call to mission. \$40,000 of funds for District Impact Grants are available to assist with these missional initiatives. If you have ideas for bold new missions or outreach ministries and would like to have UMCM come alongside of you move forward, talk to Karen Cook-UMCM Director to inquire.

UMCM will continue to fund 5 District Mission Centers (DMC) with \$10,000 each for 2018 (pending re-application and approval): Broad Street UMC, Church for All People, New Life UMC, The Shalom Zone, and Water's Edge Ministries at Buckeye Lake.

New for 2018: We are seeking two additional ministry groups outside of Franklin County who have grown and reached a new level of outreach, to become future DMCs. Significant advanced planning and consideration must be given before awarding additional DMC status.

UMCM has \$10,000 for CAN and CAS church 'bricks and mortar' grants, with the following stipulation (set by the original grant donor): funds may only be awarded to urban Columbus, impoverished neighborhood churches. Talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

Micro-Grants are still available for 2017. Some of the "Other Grants" programs also have funds still available for 2017. Talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

We are excited to continue our relationship with so many ministries, watch others evolve and become self-sustaining, and assist new ministries which we can partner with to help form a solid foundation for their future.

Thanks for all you do for Christ and the Church.

Karen Cook - Director

Matt Yoder - Local Outreach Committee Chair