



## MINISTRY GRANT GIFTS FROM THE HEART ENDOWMENT FUND

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation awards a limited number of ministry grants to Nebraska Methodist churches and affiliated agencies of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference each year. Through these awards of grant dollars, we seek to enhance and expand ministries of the Methodist Church. The ultimate goal of these awards is to provide assistance, whether it is a one-time grant or a grant that will help a ministry become self-sustaining. These grants are made only for programs and activities. *They are not made for building repair, replacement, salaries, church operations, or expansion.*

The grants awarded for ministries come from an anonymous gift to the Foundation's "Gifts From The Heart" Endowment Fund. Only the income generated from the principal of this gift can be used in the awarding of grants and may not be available every year.

The ministry grant program runs July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Applications must be postmarked by September 30<sup>th</sup>.**



## **MINISTRY GRANT GUIDELINES & CRITERIA**

*Please read thoroughly and carefully.*

It is the mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation (“Foundation”) to be a catalyst that strengthens our Nebraska Methodist ministries and supports and develops innovative ministries meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society.

### **Grant applicants should be aware that priority will be given to the following:**

- A ministry that is consistent with the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation’s mission to complement and reinforce the stewardship ministry of the churches, organizations, and programs within the State of Nebraska.
- A ministry deemed to be of an outreach nature to the larger community.
- A ministry that is in collaboration with other Methodist entities.
- A ministry that has identified other sources of revenue. A ministry that is an integral part of a long-range plan for ministry in the community.

Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. The ministry grant program opens on July 1<sup>st</sup> and all applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Due to the high number of applicants and limited funding, **we will only accept one application per church.** Applications are available at [www.numf.org](http://www.numf.org).

Foundation grant awards are reviewed by the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Stewardship Committee. Grants approved by the Foundation’s Stewardship Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation at the October board meeting. The Foundation reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any grant application that it deems to be incomplete or not in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the Foundation. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation regarding all awards shall be final.

**Grants are contingent upon the availability of funding sources and the quality and scope of the project.** It is not guaranteed that grants will be awarded the full amount of the request. Grants will be conditional upon requirements being met and documented according to the Foundation ministry grant policy.

For questions, please call our office at 402-323-8842 or email [kroberts@numf.org](mailto:kroberts@numf.org).



**NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION**

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**MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION**

*“Gifts From The Heart” Endowment Fund*

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Name of Organization/Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Ministry in Need \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Applying \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District in the State of Nebraska \_\_\_\_\_ EIN# (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach materials that include:**

- a) Narrative with details about the ministry including purpose, plan, and significance of program
- b) Mission and/or Vision Statement
- c) Timeline and ministry/program budget (including all sources of funding)

What is the amount you are requesting from the Foundation? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are a United Methodist Church of the Great Plains Conference (if you are not, skip to question B):

**A.** Have funds for this purpose been requested at the Conference level?  Yes  No

If yes, were the District and/or Conference funds awarded?  Yes  No

If no, what was the reason as to why these funds were not awarded for your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

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**B.** If you are NOT a United Methodist Church of the Great Plains Conference:

Do you have other funding to support your initiative?       Yes     No

If yes, what type of other financial support to help sustain your ministry?

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Is a Foundation grant necessary for the program to proceed/continue?  Yes     No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received a ministry grant from the Foundation within the last five years?

Yes       No    If yes, please answer the following questions:

What was the total amount you received? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the entire grant used?     Yes       No

When was the grant used? \_\_\_\_\_

How was the grant used? Please include details of the use of those funds and how the grant enhanced the outreach of your church/ministry (*attach additional pages, if necessary. Photos and stories are appreciated*). **\*\*The Foundation continues to honor donor intent and values the results of our Ministry Grant program. Lack of communication on the results of prior years' projects could impact future grant requests.**

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Application Deadline: **September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mail form to:

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