



MINISTRY GRANT GIFTS FROM THE HEART ENDOWMENT FUND

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation awards a limited number of ministry grants to Nebraska United Methodist churches and affiliated churches and agencies each year. Through these awards of grant dollars, we seek to enhance and expand ministries of your organization. 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 twice a year:

January 1st – March 31st

July 1st – September 30th



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 a semiannual basis. **The ministry grant cycles run:**

January 1st – March 31st

and

July 1st – September 30th

Due to the high number of applicants and limited funding, **we will only accept one application per church per grant cycle.** Applications are available at 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 **April** and **October** board meetings. 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 Sharon Schmidt, Director of Stewardship, at 402-323-8841 or email sschmidt@numf.org.



NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION

"Gifts From The Heart" Endowment Fund

PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Date _____

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)

Please provide a short summary of your ministry in need: _____

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

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

B. 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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MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION (continued)

What type of other financial support do you have to help sustain your ministry?

Is this program contingent on these grant proceeds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain _____

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list all grants received: _____

What was the total amount you received from all awards? _____

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.**

Mail form to:

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