



## **GIFTS FROM THE HEART (GFTH) - FACILITY UPGRADES MATCHING GRANT**

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation GFTH – Facility Upgrades Matching Grant is a need-based grant and is available to Nebraska United Methodist Churches within the Great Plains Conference. The goal of this grant is to assist United Methodist Churches in need of financial support for their building, remodel, or maintenance and repairs projects. Common examples of supported projects could be accessibility improvements, safety upgrades, or emergency repairs. By providing support for the building projects of churches, it allows them to grow current or begin new ministries.

### **Criteria**

A new or consecutive grant request must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an existing church or faith community affiliated with the Great Plains Conference in the State of Nebraska.
- Every grant recipient that received a grant in the previous year is required to submit a new application each subsequent year, complete with all information requested, including a summary of how the grant was used from the previous year.
- All applications need to be filled out completely with all appropriate signatures and include all requested supplemental information in order for the application to be considered. Missing information or signatures will result in the application being denied.

### **Process**

You must submit a quote with your grant application for the total cost of the project. NUMF will provide funding for 50% of the project up to \$5,000 as a match to an amount pledged or in-hand by your congregation or supporters.

Applications will be reviewed and churches will be notified of approval or denial within 4-6 weeks of application date. Upon approval, a Letter of Intent will be mailed with the awarded amount. A check will be issued upon receipt of final invoice.

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.

Applications should be sent to Sharon Schmidt, Director of Stewardship, Nebraska United Methodist Foundation, 100 W. Fletcher Ave., Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, or e-mail [sschmidt@numf.org](mailto:sschmidt@numf.org).



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PLEASE PRINT or TYPE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Completing Application \_\_\_\_\_

Role/Position in the Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Please submit the following with your application form:

- Budget for project including verification of total cost of project (quotes must be included)
- Project timeline
- Description of how this project meets the needs of the mission field

Please provide a brief description of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is the total cost of the project? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much money is currently on hand for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

How much additional money has been pledged but not received for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

How urgently does this project need to be completed? \_\_\_\_\_

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What barriers prevent your church from raising the remaining funds for this project? \_\_\_\_\_

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What amount of debt is your church currently carrying? \_\_\_\_\_

Were Mission Shares paid at 100% for the previous year?  Yes  No

What major capital projects (new construction, remodeling, major equipment purchases) have your church undertaken in the past 10 years? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who will this project serve and/or benefit, and how? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will this project increase accessibility to your church (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor Signature

Date

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Trustee Chair Signature

Date

Submit form to:  
Sharon Schmidt, Director of Stewardship, Nebraska United Methodist Foundation  
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402-323-8841 | [sschmidt@numf.org](mailto:sschmidt@numf.org)