



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.