



MINISTRY GRANT GIFTS FROM THE HEART ENDOWMENT FUND

The Nebraska United Methodist Foundation awards a limited number of ministry grants to Nebraska 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. 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. **Applications must be received by September 30th.** 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.



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 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 United 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. **Applications and supporting materials must be received by September 30th** to be considered for a grant to be awarded upon commencement of the program during the following calendar year. If an application is not submitted, even in a subsequent year, the request will not be considered. Due to a high number of applicants and limited funding, **we will only accept one application per church**.

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 may be renewable up to three years within a five-year period 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 to the Foundation’s satisfaction. All grants awarded shall require no less than annual reporting to the Foundation as to the progress of the project, how the funds were used within the progress and the financial activity resulting from the grant in the event that the grant is awarded and will be applied for again the following year. **If a new application with the progress and financial activity report is not received, the ministry will not be considered for future grants.**

For questions, please call Rev. Matt Fowler at 402-323-8842 or 308-672-1022 or email at mfowler@numf.org. Applications are available at www.numf.org.



NEBRASKA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION

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) _____

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) covering the next three years

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

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Please check: [] 1st year application [] 2nd year application [] 3rd year application

How does your ministry relate to the Great Plains Area United Methodist Conference? _____

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? _____

If yes, is a Foundation grant necessary for the program to proceed/continue? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

Have you received a grant previously from the Foundation? Yes No

If yes, please indicate when and details of the use of those funds with this application (*Attach additional pages, if necessary*).

If you are applying for a second- or third-year grant, please provide a brief summary of how the grant was used (*Pictures and stories of your ministry are greatly appreciated - attach additional pages, if necessary*):

Application Deadline: September 30th
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Mail form to:

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