



Methodists Helping Methodists

F O U N D A T I O N

Grants that Foster Vitality and Financial Growth

We believe in the unlimited potential of churches to find ways to serve God in their communities.

We seek to fund ideas that will transform ministry and create systemic changes in vitality and financial growth of faith communities.

Grant awards could include cost of fundraising, financial planning, stewardship, communications, consulting services, strategic planning, and visioning. Some may consider a leadership or stewardship training event, including tuition and travel, for a grant request.¹

Eligibility: Churches, Missions, Agencies, and Ministries of the Methodist movement in the Mountain Sky Conference region.²

Award Amount: 50% matching funds up to \$3,000

How: **Fill out the application provided** (no substitutions please). Submit to the foundation at least 30 days before you need the grant.

The application will require the following elements:

- Contact person – name, address, phone number, and email address
- Plan – the details of the project, including why your church has decided to take on this project
- Time frame - start and finish date of the project
- How will this project create systemic changes in your ministry and financial stewardship?
- How will this project enhance the vitality of your church and/or ministry?
- Measurable Goal of the project (measurement before the grant, goal, and time to achieve the goal)
- Cost – list all expenses of the project, include supporting documentation
- Income – what are the sources of funds for at least 50% of the costs? *Before the Foundation disburses funds for any grant award, the recipient will provide documented source of funds to demonstrate the first 50% of the match. (In-kind contributions will not be matched.)*
- Impact – who and how many people will be served
- Include (or attach) any additional information that would tell your story

The application **must be signed by the Pastor, Church Council Chair, AND Finance Chair.** If applicable, signatures may be required of Chair of Trustees and/or Endowment Committee

When: Submit your complete application with supporting documents at least 30 days before you need to money. Grants are awarded on a first come/first served basis until the available money is granted.

Submission deadline is November 25th, 2021.

¹ Grant awards may only be used for the purpose approved. Unused funds must be returned. The Methodists Helping Methodists Foundation reserves the right to withhold and/or recover grant funds that were not used according to their intended purpose. The applicant agrees to provide a written report, including statistics and human-interest stories that can be shared with others about how the grant was used. Grants will not be made for salary or bonuses. Recipients of 2020 grants are not eligible.

¹ Priority will be given to the United Methodist churches and ministries

Grant Application: Vitality and Financial Growth Grants

All fields must be completed for consideration.

Name of Church or Ministry

Address

City

State

Zip

Website

Phone

Pastor

Email

Phone

Name of Project for Grant

Project Description (100 words or less)

What would happen if you did not do this?

How is this project new and different than what you are doing today?

What is the expected outcome and measurable goals?

How will this project enhance the vitality of your church and/or ministry?

How will this project create systemic changes in your financial stewardship?

How will you publicize this project?

Implementation date:

We need this money by

Date - not ASAP

How much will this cost? Use additional paper if necessary. Attach contractor quotes, online wish-lists, pro-forma invoices to substantiate the costs estimates.

<u>Cost Category</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
Supplies, Equipment, Shipping, Labor, Professional Fees, Maintenance Fees, Marketing, Printing, Advertising, etc.	Company or Person	Attach supporting documentation; grants will be returned if missing
	Total Costs	

If approved, the grant will be a 50% matching grant. Proof of receipt may be required before grant money is disbursed. NOTE: In-Kind contributions will not be matched.

<u>Source of funds</u>	<u>Who/Where from?</u>	<u>Amount Expected</u>
Donations, church reserves, endowments, special fundraiser, other grants, etc.	Members (no name please) Granting organization name, Trustees, etc.	
	Total Income	

Total Income minus Total Costs
Grant Amount Requested (up to \$3,000)

We attest that all information in this application is true and correct.

I attached supporting documents for cost estimates

I attached extra information beyond what was requested in this application.

Grant Contact (name)	Position at church
Email	Phone
Signature	Date

This project and grant request was approved by (all signatures required for submission).

Pastor (name)	Signature
Email	Phone

Church Leadership Chair	Signature
Email	Phone

Trustee Chair (name)	Signature
Email	Phone

Finance Chair (name)	Signature
Email	Phone

Email, Mail or Fax your SIGNED AND COMPLETED application, with supporting documentation for cost, to:

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