



Foundation Grants

United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc.

Guidelines

- Foundation grants are primarily intended to help initiate programs, projects or activities – especially those that are innovative, new or acutely needed.
- Our priority is to fund activities in the conference that have the capacity of enriching many or all local churches' ministries. Foundation grants are not intended to provide for sustaining support or to fund the existing regular operational obligations of a church or agency. Grants are generally not awarded to pay for personal ministry expenses, local church building capital improvements or maintenance.
- Foundation grants are not intended to provide for ongoing personnel costs, although limited start-up personnel costs may be considered (excluding Church's cost for compensation for the appointed or assigned pastor or minister).
- We will avoid becoming the perpetual funder for any ongoing program or ministry.
- We target our resources primarily to United Methodist programs and ministries of the West Virginia Annual Conference.
- We want to be targeted and strategic in our grant-making, preferring to make fewer substantial commitments, rather than diluting our impact by spreading our resources thinly over many small requests.
- We conscientiously attempt to communicate with conference leadership to better understand the Conference's needs and opportunities.

Additional Information

- Grant recipient organizations must be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt.
- We are unable to provide funding for international projects that have no United States connection.
- The following statistics will be updated annually to help applicants determine an appropriate amount of funds for a request:
 - The Foundation's total grant budget for 2022 is \$134,100. We estimate that one-half of this amount will be awarded at each of the two Grant Committee meetings this year.
 - The Foundation's largest grant award was for \$30,000.
 - The Foundation's average grant award is \$5,790.

Submission of Applications

Applications are available from our website: www.umfwv.org/foundation-grants

To request an application, please call 304-342-2113. The remaining 2022 deadline is June 30.