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UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 2017 GRANT PROGRAMS

In 2015, United Methodist Community Ministries (UMCM) awarded 80 grants for a total of \$243,650. The UMCM Board and Local Outreach Committee are pleased to announce the 2017 Grant Program. By way of grant funding, UMCM encourages congregations across Capitol Area North and South Districts to reach out and serve those in your local communities via missional ministries. Please pass the word along about this opportunity to help fund new ministries to reach new people right in your neighborhood.

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES

The grant forms for funding in 2017 will be **available by August 1, 2016**, and the **deadline for submission will be October 3, 2016**. During October, every Ministry program will have a site-visit by a member of the UMCM Local Outreach Committee (LOC). **On November 2, 2016 the LOC will review the applications and make determinations on which grants and amounts will be recommended for funding to the UMCM Board, who will give final approval at their November 9 meeting. Notice of awards will be sent after that meeting.**

LOCAL CHURCH and MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

For 2017 there is \$80,000 available for grants across the CAN and CAS Districts. Some examples of missions that have been supported in the past are: Food Pantries, Personal Needs Pantries, Freedom Schools, Prison Ministries, Community Gardens, etc. Be creative and let us know how we can help. Preference will be given to new(er), innovative ministries. While your Church may submit more than one grant application, the limit is \$4,000 per Church, with the average award being closer to \$2,500. Grant forms will be available at <https://umcommin.org/grants.php> by August 1.

MICRO GRANTS

Started in 2016, UMCM has \$20,000 available in amounts of \$500 for churches as "Micro Grants". These have a one-page application that is simple to fill out and can be for projects that churches want to begin or boost as start-up ministries, or for emergency funding for existing ministries. These are one-time only grants. Applications are available throughout the year, until funding is exhausted. Grant forms are available at <https://umcommin.org/grants.php>.

OTHER GRANTS

While at the 2015 Annual Conference at Lakeside, Bishop Palmer laid out a challenge to encourage all 8 of the WOC Districts to begin at least five new bold, innovative mission/ministry programs or sites. Our CAN and CAS Districts are still working toward that goal, and UMCM encourages our churches to be creative and risk-taking in fulfilling the Bishop's challenge. \$20,000 of funds for District Impact Grants are available to assist with these missional initiatives. If you have ideas for bold new missions or outreach ministries and would like to have UMCM come alongside of you moving forward, talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

UMCM will continue to fund 5 District Mission Centers (DMC) with \$10,000 each for 2017 (pending re-application and approval): Broad Street UMC, Church for All People, New Life UMC, The Shalom Zone, and Water's Edge Ministries at Buckeye Lake. If you think your ministry has grown and reached a new level of outreach, and could be a resource for other ministries to learn from, contact us to discuss your future. Significant advanced planning and consideration must be given before awarding additional DMC status.

UMCM has \$10,000 for CAN and CAS church 'bricks and mortar' grants, with the following stipulation (set by the original grant donor): funds may only be awarded to urban Columbus, impoverished neighborhood churches. Talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

The Capitol Area Leadership Team is a group of CAN, CAS, and UMCM representatives formed to work on cooperative district initiatives. CALT also has \$30,000 of grant funding available for 2017. Typically, these grants have been to assist churches with growing pains who need short term funding for staff during the initial growth period. Other emergent ministry needs, outside the Local Church grant cycle, are also considered. Talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

Micro-Grants are still available for 2016. Some of the "Other Grants" programs also have funds still available for 2016. Same as for 2017, talk to your Assistant to the DS to inquire.

We are excited to continue our relationship with so many ministries, watch others evolve and become self-sustaining, and assist new ministries which we can partner with to help form a solid foundation for their future.

Thanks for all you do for Christ and the Church.

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