



2021 Church Collaboration Grants Program Children Matter Most

Metro Ministries, Inc. invites all United Methodist churches serving within the Central District geographic area to consider proposal submission in this grant cycle. The focus of this cycle is in support of the Indiana Conference and Bishop Trimble's Children Matter Most initiative. Please review the following criteria, requirements and timeline.

Mission: Work in conjunction with the Central District, its member congregations, lay and clergy leaders, connecting resources to ministries and ministries to resources for the cause of Christ.

Vision: In the service of Christ, partners identify needs, relationships are developed, and new passionate initiatives are created to serve our neighbors.

Core Values: Christ Centered, People Focused, Community Built, Outreach Driven; a Learning Organization

Grant Criteria

- Alignment with Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Mission, Vision and Core Values.
- Programming funded by Metro's Grant Program must be intentionally focused on at least one of the following areas related to "Children Matter Most."
 - Non-violence
 - Food insecurity
 - Education
 - Mental health
- There must be a demonstrated plan for the project or program, including:
 - The expected outcomes, such as number of participants
 - The desired impact on participants
 - Consideration of future growth, extension or change for the project or program
- Project or program must directly impact children within the Central District (Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties).
- Metro grants are intended for programming expenses, up to \$1,500, not direct salary expenses.

Grant Requirements

- Applications must be received by August 8, 2021, 11:59 P.M. in order to be considered for grant awards.
- Grant recipients agree to:

- Allow site visits from Metro’s Executive Director and/or Grants Team Members during the course of the project/program
- Submit Final Project Report (form will be available on website after November 1, 2021).
- Allow publication of program outcomes, impact stories and images on Metro Ministries, Inc.’s website, social media platforms, press releases, newsletters and/or sharing at future events attended or sponsored by Metro Ministries, Inc.
- When posting photos or stories about program on social media, when appropriate, tag Metro Ministries and include hashtag “#2021mmicmm”.

*Note: if the nature of the project or program requires anonymity of participants, please note this within the application submission, so that we can adjust our expectation regarding site visits and/or photographs.

2021 Ministry Grants Timeline

- July 7, 2021: Schedule and Criteria Announced in Newsletter and on Website
 - August 8, 2021: Final Submissions Due
 - August 9-20, 2021: Submission Evaluations and Recommendations by Metro Grants Team
 - August 23, 2021: Recipients Announced
 - September 1, 2021: Checks distributed to successful recipients
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