



2021-2022 Ministry Grants Program

Metro Ministries, Inc. invites all United Methodist churches and non-profit organizations serving within the Central District geographic area to consider proposal submission in this grant cycle. Please review the following criteria, requirements and timeline.

Mission: Work in conjunction with the Central District center, 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:
 - **Christian Leadership Development** – Youth and/or adult training which provides motivation and hands-on opportunities to becoming passionate, educated, and well-informed Christian leaders with the practice of service. This training should include outward-focused church and community ministries.
 - **Supporting the Growth and Well-being of Children and Youth** – programs and ministries that focus on education, social-emotional learning and spiritual growth of children and young people. Expected outcomes of these programs and ministries must include ensuring children are highly valued and fully thriving.
 - **Engaging in Ministry with Under-resourced persons** – ministries which engage with people who are under-resourced and marginalized, offering skills, education, training, daily life necessities, access to healthcare services, etc. Initiatives may address the causes of poverty and should include self-sufficiency of individuals and/or communities as an expected outcome.
 - **Racial Equity and Justice** – Projects and programs that respond to racial inequity and interrupt racism. Work done through such projects and programs should stimulate sustainable change in individuals, communities and/or churches, change that is tangible and visible.
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- Plan for sustainability of the project or program
 - It is expected that the grantee will outline a plan and appeal to donors and/or apply for grants or from other funders using the experience of grant writing and demonstrated program success gained from the Metro Ministries, Inc. award.
 - Metro Ministries, Inc. grants are intended to provide seed money for community-based ministries in one or more of the areas of focus.
 - Metro Ministries, Inc. will consider continued funding of a project or program up to a **maximum of 3 years**, with grantee re-applying each year.
 - Metro Ministries, Inc., **MAY CONSIDER** extensions of or additions to existing programs to be new request as it pertains to the 3 year maximum.
 - Must demonstrate a funding model, as Metro Ministries generally does not provide 100% funding of programs or projects.
- Project or program must impact individuals and/or communities within the Central District (Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties).
- While preference will be given to faith-based organizations, any qualifying organization will be considered.
- Metro grants are intended for programming expenses, up to \$5,000, not direct salary expenses.

Grant Requirements

- Attendance at one of the Grant Workshop offerings is **mandatory** for the 2022 Ministry Grant submission consideration. NOTE: for those who attended the INUMC Grants Workshop on September 16, 2021, attendance at one of these workshops is optional.
- Draft applications must be received by January 3, 2022, 11:59 P.M. in order to be considered for grant awards.
- Applicants are expected to engage with assigned mentors. Mentor assignments will be made on January 10, 2022
- Final submissions must be received by February 28, 2022, 11:59 P.M.
- 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 May 1, 2022).
 - Time-limited project: within 30 days after completion of project.
 - Ongoing program: Within 90 days after receipt off funds.
 - 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 “#2022MMIMinistry”.

2021-2022 Ministry Grants Timeline

- October 27, 2021: Schedule and Criteria Announced
- Thursday, November 11 and Saturday, November 13: Dates of Grant Workshops Sessions (attendance at one is required)
- January 3, 2022: Draft Submission Due
- January-February: Mentor Reviews and Engagement
- February 28, 2022: Final Submission Due
- March, 2022: Submission Evaluations and Recommendations by Metro Grant Team
- April, 2022: Metro Board Approves Recipients
- April 27, 2022: Recipients Announced; Checks Mailed