

Trinity Action Projects – TAP

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East Ohio Conference Mission

The mission of The East Ohio Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is to make and mature disciples for the transformation of the world.

East Ohio Conference Vision

The East Ohio Conference equips and supports pastors, congregations, and faith communities to grow in their capacity to bear fruit that lasts by:

- being disciples, making disciples, and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ;
- being God’s agents of transformation in our communities and throughout the world;
and
- being bold and courageous leaders in reaching new people, younger people, and a more diverse people.

With the closing and sale of the Cuyahoga Falls Trinity United Methodist Church, the Canal District has been given an avenue to go above and beyond in addressing 21st Century ministry. Directed by our conference mission and vision statements, the funds generated by TAP will fuel cutting edge ministry to expand God’s purposes in our geographic area and beyond.

The biblical foundation for TAP can be found in Proverbs 29:19, “Where there is no vision, the people parish.” In the New Testament Jesus assures us that God has a vision for redemption for the world. John 3:16 declares, “For God so loved the world that God gave his only begotten son that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Spending Policy for TAP

The principle of TAP will be invested in the East Ohio Area Foundation. 5% of the principle of the annual December 31st balance of the fund will be available on a yearly basis.

Application Process for TAP

Any program/project that very clearly relates to the mission and vision of the Conference may submit an application. Funds for mission purposes are intended as “Seed Money” to be used as start-up funds to help initiate ministry and mission outreach. Programs/projects will be funded for a maximum of 3 years. Applications will have a specific plan and/or strategy for a program/project, a clearly defined method(s) in which the funds will be used, and a method for decreasing the “seed money” funding over the 3 year period. TAP Grand funding may not be used for capital expenditures or clergy salaries.

For applications pertaining to requests for technical, electronic, and streaming related equipment, funding will be considered up to 50% of the cost and will be capped at \$10,000 per request.

Organizations applying for a multi-year grant will submit a new application each year.

All unspent funds must be returned to TAP at the year’s end of the project’s inception.

The Grant Review Team

The TAP Team will consist of the following members:

- District Superintendent
- Mission Funding Coordinator
- Canal District Rep to Conference Council on Ministries
- Canal District Lay Leader
- Clergy Rep

TAP Application Form

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION

Program Title

Sponsoring Church

Address

E-mail

Contact Person

Address

E-mail

Cell Phone

Other Phone

PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe the project for which TAP will be used including information regarding the following: (attach a complete description)

- **How does this project bring people to Christ?**

- **What investment is the local congregation making in this ministry?**

- **Who is the target audience?**

- **How will the project decrease its reliance on this seed money? Where will sustaining funds come from once TAP funding has ended?**

- Are there other funding sources available to this ministry?

A budget for the program and sources of funding must be attached to this application.

Amount of TAP Funds Requested \$ _____

Signature of the Person making the application _____

Date

TAP Team Recommendation

Date reviewed _____

Amount Recommended \$ _____

Explanation of grant recommendation

Signatures of TAP Team Members
