

East Ohio Missions Micro Grants are sponsored by the Board of Missions and the Connectional Ministries Office. The grants are for UMC mission or ministry projects.

**Applications must be received by MARCH 1 and all applicants will be contacted by MAY 1.** These are micro grants for up to \$2,000 as determined by the Board of Missions and must be spent in total by December 31. Please read each of the requirements below and indicate that your ministry meets them. If you have questions about whether your project will qualify, e-mail Mariellyn Grace ([mgrace@wocumc.org](mailto:mgrace@wocumc.org)), Director of Mission Engagement. Applying for funds does not guarantee funds will be awarded.

**All requirements must be met and checked to apply:**

- Must be a mission of a local United Methodist Church in East Ohio or a current Conference Advance Partner.
- Must be a new project that is either less than three months old or has not yet begun.
- The mission seeks to reach those not yet in the church.
- The church or mission is not currently receiving any other conference level grant funding (designated donations received through an Advance fund are not included).
- The ministry must be relational, not transactional, in nature.
- Must have at least one lay person involved in the planning/implementation.

**Guidelines:**

- Microgrants were designed to help churches/missions experiment with new ministry to build relationships and allow people to experience faith, furthering the United Methodist mission of making disciples.
- Microgrant funded projects/ministries will be those that include elements of faith connection, relationship building, and engaging new people.
- Examples of what will not be funded: food pantries that are transactional (no relationship development), applications that are largely for advertising, ministries for those already in the church, or other one-time, stand-alone events without a clear, ongoing connection plan.
- Do not request more than \$2,000. Provide a clear description of what those funds will be used for.
- If you have not already shared this ministry with your District Superintendent, please do so as soon as you can for feedback, support, and celebration.
- If your grant request is approved, a follow-up report must be submitted by the end of the calendar year. A grant reporting form will be provided.

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**APPLICATION (Please type or write very clearly!)**

**Church/Mission Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project/Ministry Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Requested amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Overall budget of the ministry/project (not the church/mission): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will this ministry/project be able to happen without this funding?  yes  no

If partial funding is awarded, will this ministry/project still proceed?  yes  no

When and how did you share this idea with your District Superintendent?

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What is the plan to sustain the ministry/project after this initial funding?

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What community partnerships, if any, have you formed?

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**Please attach a budget summary and brief responses to the questions below.**

1. Tell us about your project/idea.
2. How will this project help your church build relationships with your community?
3. How does this seek to fulfill the UMC Mission? "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."
4. How does this seek to fulfill the East Ohio vision? [https://www.eocumc.com/about\\_us/welcome.html](https://www.eocumc.com/about_us/welcome.html)

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Mission Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN WITH REQUESTED MATERIALS TO [CONNECTIONALMINISTRIES@EOCUMC.COM](mailto:CONNECTIONALMINISTRIES@EOCUMC.COM) BY MARCH 1**