

## East Ohio Ministry Micro Grants Application

East Ohio Ministry Micro Grants are sponsored by the Board of Congregational Development and the Connectional Ministries office of Strategic Ministries. The grants are for Fresh Expressions, small groups, and/or new ministry that seek to reach those not within the current church community.

The deadline to apply is the end of the day on **April 3** and awardees will be announced by April 21. These micro grants, which will be awarded by the Board of Congregational Development for amounts up to \$2,000, must be spent in totality by Dec 31, 2023.

Contact Rev Beth Ortiz, Connectional Ministries Office Director of Strategic Ministries, at [bortiz@eocumc.com](mailto:bortiz@eocumc.com), to submit your application or with questions.

**Requirements:** Must be a ministry of a local United Methodist Church in East Ohio.

Must be a new ministry (either less than two-months old or not yet begun) that seeks to reach those not yet in the church.

Church/charge cannot be currently receiving any other Conference level grant funding (this does not refer to coaching, trainings or other such support).

Church/charge cannot receive more than one micro grant per 12 months and cannot receive a micro grant for the same ministry more than once.

Must have at least one lay person involved in the planning/implementation.

Funds must be spent for this ministry within six months or returned.

A report must be submitted within six months (details about reporting will be supplied to awardees with the payment dispersal).

**Please note:** Application for funds does not guarantee receipt of funds.

### Application:

Church/Charge Name:

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Clergy involved and their role(s):

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Requested amount (no more than \$2,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Overall budget of the ministry (not the church): \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach details.

Will this ministry be able to happen without this funding? \_\_\_\_\_

If partial funding is awarded, will this ministry still proceed? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you spoken with your district superintendent about district funding? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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What community partners, if any, have you sought?

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Please attach responses to the below requests/questions:

Provide details about the ministry.

How does this seek to fulfill the mission of The United Methodist Church?

How does this seek to live into our shared East Ohio Conference vision?

Name of person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_