

East Ohio Ministry Micro Grants Application

East Ohio Ministry Micro Grants are sponsored by the Board of Congregational Development and Connectional Ministries Office: 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 vision is that these grants will enable a faith community to create ministries which are sustainable and respond to the community the church is called to reach. Examples of previous grants includes Messy Church, playground ministry, Dinner Church, a sensory room, and an ecumenical Bible study in the community.

The deadline to apply is **April 12** and awardees will be announced by April 25. These micro grants, which may be awarded to \$2000 as determined by Board of Congregational Development grant team, must be spent in totality by Nov 1, 2024.

Contact Rev Beth Ortiz, Connectional Ministries Office Director of Strategic Ministries, at 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 under 2 months old or not yet begun) that seeks to reach those not yet in the church.
- Church cannot be currently receiving any other conference level grant funding (this does not refer to coaching, trainings or other such support).
- Must have at least one lay involved in the planning/implementation.
- Funds must be spent for this ministry within 6 months or returned.

Please note: Application for funds does not guarantee funds.

Church/Parish Name: _____

Clergy involved and their role:

Lay involved and their role:

Requested amount: _____

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 DS about district funding? _____

If you have not spoken to your DS, please share this ministry idea with them at this time.

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

What community partners, if any, have you sought:

Please attached responses to the below requests/questions:

Provide us details about the ministry.

How does this seek to fulfill the UMC Mission?

How does this seek to fulfill the East Ohio vision?

Name of person submitting application: _____ Date: _____