



GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All requests must be in line with the purposes of the District Board of Missions & Church Extension (DBOM&CE)/Finance Team:
 - ~ To give aid in the organization of congregations; to aid in the location of churches; to help select and secure future church sites; to aid in building new churches including Vital Mergers.
 - ~ To give aid in financing capital improvements and major maintenance projects. Maximum \$50,000 loan amount.
 - ~ To develop and receive recommendations for and give approval to new ministries both within the local church and through other forms of mission that are not functions of traditional congregations.
 - ~ To give approval to and funding for programs in the areas of congregational development that enables church extension and mission work.
2. All requests for loans or grants must be within the guidelines of The Discipline and with the social principles of the United Methodist Church.
3. United Methodist Churches or associated ministries may apply for grants within the East Winds District.
4. All applicants will complete a written application and will make a personal presentation to the Team, if requested, before funds may be granted or loaned.
5. The budgeted balance remaining at the time of the presentation determines the maximum amount that can be granted in any single category.
6. ***No reimbursement will be given for previously completed projects or previously expended funds.***
7. ***No grants will be given to support staffing needs.***
8. All applications for grants or loans are available online or may be requested from the District. Applications must be submitted to the EWD treasurer ***two weeks prior*** to the meeting and deadlines will be adhered to.

Mail Applications To:

**District Treasurer,
Linda Squires**

119 S. Leroy Street
Fenton, MI 48430

Phone: (248) 561-2431

Email: lsquires@eastwindsumc.org



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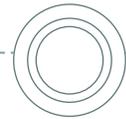


EWD Vision Statement

*Equipping local churches
to serve Christ through
quality communications,
collaboration and training.*

Updated May 2025

Board of Missions & Church Extension / Finance Team



Grants & Loans

East Winds District
Website: eastwinds.michiganumc.org



CONNECTIONAL PROGRAM GRANTS:

Applications for program grants will be accepted once a year at the April meeting.

• Special Program Grant

The event must provide an open invitation to all churches, clergy and laity the District.
~ Presentations may be made at the April meeting.

• Continuing Program Grant

Funds to be used to support local churches ongoing ministry for community outreach.
~ Applicants are encouraged to seek additional support from other outside sources for ecumenical programs.
~ Presentations may be made at the April meeting.

• District Youth Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance for groups or individuals participating in a youth project.
~ Presentations may be made at the April meeting.

• Church Development Grant

We have limited number of grants to be approved due to budgeting restrictions.

Funds from this grant are to be used to assist churches with development. Examples include, but are not limited to: Resources/Leadership for a Church Visionary Process, Stewardship Campaign Financing, Architect Fees for building expansion.

Required Information:

- ~ Local funding must at least match the request of grant.
- ~ Funds may be used for building & grounds projects, excluding debt reduction.
- ~ 3 Competitive bids are required.
- ~ Presentation to be made at the April meeting.

3:1 CHALLENGE GRANTS:

The Team will grant \$1 for every \$3 of new money raised by the applicant within an agreed amount of time, following grant approval.

• 3:1 Technology Grant

Funds to be used toward equipment that include, but not limited to: sound boards, video, lighting, projection equipment, digital cameras, key boards etc.

Required Information:

- ~ 3 Competitive bids are recommended.
- ~ Funds are to be used as seed money for starting new programs.
- ~ Personal presentations may be made to the Team at any regular meeting.

• 3:1 Barrier Free Grant

We have limited number of grants to be approved due to budgeting restrictions.

Funds are to be used for equipment or project costs that will make a UM Church facility more accessible for those with physical or mobility challenges.

- ~ Maximum Grant Amount: \$10,000 per recipient
- ~ Personal Presentation Not Required

• EMERGENCY/SPECIAL NEEDS GRANT

We have limited number of grants to be approved due to budgeting restrictions.

- ~ The District Superintendent and the Chair of Finance, together, have the authority to approve the use of this discretionary money.
- ~ ***Funds are only for severe & unexpected emergencies only***

LOAN INFORMATION:

The District Finance Team has funds that are available to be loaned to United Methodist Churches. These funds are limited and are intended to help churches with capital improvements or to be a bridge to a bank loan.

- ~ Loans will be no longer than 7.5 years.
- ~ Interest rates are inline with Michigan Area Loan Fund and adjustments are made accordingly.
- ~ Maximum loan amount is \$50,000.

(loans greater than \$50,000 contact the Michigan Area Loan Fund at (888) 451-1929 or umfmichigan.org)

SPECIAL NOTE:

- There will be no reimbursement for previous completed projects / expended funds.
- There will be no grants given for staffing needs.
- Please be aware that if a project exceeds 25% of the annual budget or exceeds 10% of the total square footage of the church the local church **must** contact the District Superintendent and the District Board of Church Location & Building prior to submitting an application.

CONNECTIONAL GRANT

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1st

