



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.

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.

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. **No reimbursement will take place for previously completed projects or previously expended fund. Also, no grants will be given to support staffing needs.**

5. All applications for grants or loans are available online or may be requested from the District . They must be in the office two weeks prior to the meeting and deadlines will be adhered to.

6. The budgeted balance remaining at the time of the presentation determines the maximum amount that can be granted in any single category.

East Winds District Vision Statement Equipping local churches to serve Christ through quality communications, collaboration and training.

The simple vision and the plan it projects are local church focused. From time to time there will be district supported connectional ministry; and there will be opportunities for us to come together for mission teams, trainings, and celebrations. However, we are bent on not creating an additional level of church that will excessively compete for the time and resources necessary for our local churches to thrive.

PLEASE MAIL GRANT AND LOAN APPLICATIONS TO:

Linda Squires, District Treasurer

119 S Leroy Street

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The DBOM&CE/Finance Team meets quarterly.



BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION/ FINANCE TEAM

GRANTS & LOANS

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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 are to be used toward equipment, but are not limited to: sound boards, video, projection equipment, digital cameras, key boards etc.

Competitive bids are recommended. Attempts should be made to seek out 3 competitive bids.

Funds are to be used as seed money for starting new programs.

Personal presentations may be made to the Team at any regular meeting.

BARRIER FREE GRANT

Funds are to be used for any project that will make a United Methodist Church facility more accessible to the physically challenged.

Maximum amount of the grant is \$500.

Personal presentations are not required.

EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL NEEDS GRANT

The District Superintendent and the Chair of the Finance, together, have the authority to approve the use of this discretionary money.

This is money to be used for severe unexpected emergencies.

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 in the District.

Personal presentations shall be made to the Team at 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 denominations for ecumenical programs.

A presentation will be made including information on how the money was used last year and plans for the current year.

Maximum support limited to 5 years.

- **District Youth Grant**

The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance for groups or individuals participating in a youth project.

Personal presentations shall be made to the Team at April meeting.

- **Vital Church Initiative Grant**

50/50 matching grant for Phase 1 & 2, the Vital Church Initiative (VCI) is a process of renewal for growing healthy, vital, fruitful, missional congregations in decline. For more information contact the conference web site. Required to provide for grant.

- 1) Grant application to Team
- 2) VCI application
- 3) VCI billing
- 4) Personal representation at any regular meeting.

- **Church Development Grant**

Funds to be used to assist churches with development. Examples for the use of these funds include but are not limited to: Resources/Leadership for a Church Visionary Process, Stewardship Campaign Financing, Architectural Fees for building expansion.

Local funding must at least match request of grant.

The funds are to be used for building and grounds projects, excluding debt reduction.

There will only be a limited number of grants because of budget restrictions.

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Personal presentations shall be made to the Team

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Loan Information

The District Finance Team has money that is available to be loaned to United Methodist Churches. Our funds are limited and are intended to help churches with capital improvements or to be a bridge to a bank loan. No loans are for longer than 7.5 years, so that we can recycle that money. We set our interest rate in line with the Michigan Area Loan Fund and will make adjustments accordingly.

Notice:

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 the 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 and Building prior to application.