



## 2020-2021 MINISTRY GRANTS PROGRAM

Metro Ministries, Inc. invites all United Methodist churches and non-profit organizations serving within the Central District geography to consider proposal submission in this grant cycle. Please review the following Criteria, Requirements and Timeline.

### ***Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Mission:***

*Work in conjunction with the Central District center, its member congregations, lay and clergy leaders -- connecting resources to ministries and ministries to resources for the cause of Christ.*

### ***Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Vision:***

*In the service of Christ, partners identify needs, relationships are developed, and new passionate initiatives are created to serve our neighbors.*

***Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Core Values:*** *Christ Centered, People Focused, Community Built – Outreach Driven, A Learning Organization*

### **Grant Criteria**

- Alignment with Metro Ministries, Inc.'s Mission, Vision and Core Values.
- Activities funded by Metro's Grants Program must be intentionally focused on at least one of the following areas:
  - **Christian Leadership Development** – youth and/or adult training which provides motivation and hands-on opportunities to becoming passionate, educated, and well-informed Christian leaders with the practice of service. This training should include outward-focused church and community ministries.
  - **Supporting the Growth and Well-being of Children and Youth** – programs and ministries that focus on education, social-emotional learning and spiritual growth of children and young people. Expected outcomes of these programs and ministries must include ensuring children are highly valued and fully thriving.
  - **Engaging in Ministry with Under-resourced persons** - ministries which engage **with** people who are under-resourced and marginalized, offering skills, education, training, daily life necessities, access to healthcare services, etc. Initiatives may address the causes of poverty and should include self-sufficiency of individuals and/or communities as an expected outcome.
  - **Racial Equity and Justice** – Projects and programs that respond to racial inequity and interrupt racism. Work done through such projects and programs should stimulate sustainable change in individuals, communities and/or churches, change that is tangible and visible.
- Plan for self-sustainability for the project or program
  - It is expected that the grantee will outline a plan and appeal to donors and/or apply for grants or from other funders using the experience of grant writing and demonstrated program success gained from the Metro Ministries, Inc. award.
  - Metro Ministries, Inc. grants are intended to provide seed money for community-based ministries in one or more of the areas of focus.

- Metro Ministries, Inc. will consider continued funding of a project or program up to a **maximum of 3 years**, with grantee re-applying each year where funds are to be requested.
- Metro Ministries, Inc. **MAY CONSIDER** extensions of or additions to existing programs to be new requests as it pertains to the 3-year maximum.
- Must demonstrate a funding model, as Metro Ministries generally does not provide 100% funding.
- Project or program must impact individuals and/or communities within the Central District (Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan and Shelby counties).
- While preference will be given to faith-based organizations, any qualifying organization will be considered.
- Metro grants are intended for programming expenses not direct salary expenses.

### **Grant Requirements**

- Attendance at one of the Grant Workshop offerings is **mandatory** for 2021 Ministry Grant submission consideration.
- Draft applications must be received by January 4, 2021, 11:59pm in order to be considered for grant awards.
- Applicants are expected to engage with assigned mentors.
- Final submissions must be received by March 1, 2021, 11:59pm
- Grant recipients agree to:
  - Allow one or more site visits from Metro’s Executive Director and/or Grants Team Members during the course of project/program.
  - Submit Project Report (form will be available on website after May 1, 2021)
    - Time-limited project: within 30 days after completion of project.
    - Ongoing program: Within 90 days after receipt of funds.
  - Allow publication of program outcomes, impact stories and images on Metro Ministries, Inc.’s website, social media platforms, press releases, newsletters and/or sharing at future events attended or sponsored by Metro Ministries, Inc.
  - When posting photos or stories about the program on social media, when appropriate tag Metro Ministries and include hashtag “#2021MMIMinistry”.

### **2021 Ministry Grants Timeline**

- October 28, 2020: Schedule and Criteria Announced
- November X & Y: Dates of Grant Workshop Sessions (attendance at one is required)
- January 4, 2021: Draft Submission Due
- January 11, 2021: Metro Mentors Assigned
- January – February 2021: Mentor Reviews and Engagement
- March 1, 2021: Final Submission Due
- March 2021: Submission Evaluations and Recommendations by Metro Grants Team
- April 2021: Metro Board Approves Recipients
- April 30, 2021: Recipients Announced, Checks Mailed