

Grace UMC FOUNDATION DISBURSEMENT

2026 Application for Funds

Grace Mission Statement:

Everyone is invited to know and feel God's love, experience spiritual growth, encounter forgiveness, receive respect, and gain hope.

2026 Goals:

1. Develop outreach programs to create new membership and community opportunities.
2. Establish a clear stewardship campaign to create a balanced sustainable budget.
3. Developing spiritual formation, growth, and relationship with God as we grow with each other through small groups for fellowship, community, and interconnectedness.
4. Continue to demonstrate Christ's love through community service and missions.
5. Have worship be a central point that connects to God and one another.
6. Develop a leadership development plan.

Guidelines for Grant Applications

(There is space on the application form for your responses.)

- A. Please relate your application to the Mission and/or the Goals above.
- B. Provide a clear plan to show how the funds will be used. Be as specific as possible. You are encouraged to integrate other funding sources, including memorial funds, keeping in mind that the congregation is more likely to pray for, speak of and participate in a ministry if they are "invested," with time and energy as well as funds.
- C. How is your group planning to involve the congregation in this ministry?
- D. Include a statement of impact and intent: How might Grace UMC be different 3 to 5 years from now if your group is encouraged by receipt of these monies?
- E. If you have previously requested and received funds for the same ministry for which you are now applying, provide some history of your attempts and tell how this request is different and/or timely.
- F. If this project may not be self-funding after this two-year funding cycle, tell how you intend to continue or perpetuate beyond the two years.
- G. Preference will be given to applications submitted by ministry teams or committees; then by groups of people; lastly by individuals. If an individual's request is related to a current ministry area, please coordinate with their leadership prior to submission.
- H. All requests must include the signature of at least one member of GUMC.
- I. Foundation monies are not to be used for costs normally included in the Ministry Funding Plan of the church.

(Include this sheet with your application.)

Office Use Only: Date application received:
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1. Requesting Group: _____

2. Project Title: _____

Our/My request fits in the following category: (mark the one that pertains)

- Global and local Missions** – funds to be applied towards various missional outreach efforts and needs in and beyond the local church and community.
- Capital Improvements** – funds to be applied towards capital improvement needs, such as major remodeling, improvements, maintenance, new construction not ordinarily considered part of the annual operating budget, acquisition of land, etc.
- Outreach and Emerging Ministries** – funds to be applied towards ministries endeavoring to reach the non-churched: to establish new and/or experimental ministries for a period of up to four years, at which time the local church fully supports the ministry, it becomes self-sufficient or the ministry ceases.
- Educational Opportunities** – funds to be applied to educational opportunities for laity, staff and members in colleges, seminaries, universities or continuing education.

3. Names of the members of the group making the request:

4. Use additional sheets and documentation as necessary to clarify request.

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We ask you to provide the name/s of person/s actually completing the request. When the Disbursement Committee meets, we may be or attempt to be in contact with this person/people if we have questions. Thank you.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return your request to the church office, Financial Secretary,  
by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

You will be notified of the status of your application within 21 days after the Church Council meeting of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**Grace United Methodist Church  
2026 Application for Foundation Disbursement**

**Project Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Global and local Missions**

- Capital Improvements**
- Outreach and Emerging Ministries**
- Educational Opportunities**

Our request is for \_\_\_\_\_ from the category marked above.

**1. In what ways does the proposed use of funds have relevance to the Mission of GUMC; and/or the 2026 Goals of GUMC? (30 points)**

- A. Describe the relationship of your proposal to the 2024 GUMC goals and/or the mission of GUMC.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. How will your proposed ministry help people know and feel God's love, experience spiritual growth, encounter forgiveness, receive respect, or gain hope?

**2. Plan & Adequacy of Resources (25 points)**

- A. How will the funds be spent? (Be as specific as possible.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. What other monetary or in-kind expenditures will be required?

**Transformation (25 points)**

- C. Explain how this funded project will provide the possibility of transformation for participants of the congregation.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. Explain how this funded project will provide the possibility of transformation for residents of the community/world.

**3. Impact (20 points)**

- A. How might Grace UMC be different 3 to 5 years from now if this ministry is funded?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. How might this ministry be continued after the grant funding cycle?

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