



Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church
Mission and Outreach Team

Health Ministries Grant Policy

Mission Statement

Health Ministries Grants are a resource to help provide appropriate financial support for congregational ministries which promote the health and wellbeing of all God's people.

Purpose

The grants are for Susquehanna Conference United Methodist congregations, affiliated ministries and connectional ministries that offer programs related to the spiritual, physical, emotional or psychosocial health and wellbeing of individuals.

Grant Funding Guidelines

1. The funds that support these grants come from Shares of Ministry. All funds granted are contingent upon your congregation's 100% payment of Shares of Ministry.
2. Available money will be awarded first to new programs, keeping in mind Susquehanna Conference goals:
 - a. Develop new places for new people,
 - b. Strengthen, enhance, and continue development of vital congregations and transformational leaders
 - c. Discover our "connectionalism" for the 21st century
3. As funding permits, consideration will be given to support emerging ministries that demonstrate success over a period of three years, with declining amounts each year. Renewals are not guaranteed.
4. Preference will be given to projects that focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
5. Preference will be given to innovative connectional programs that are meeting a real community need in connection with other local ministries. Networking among churches is advantageous and encouraged.
6. Grant applications must be completed fully and must include all required supporting documentation.
7. Funds are limited. Applicants can request up to \$5,000 per program.

Maximum Reimbursement Guidelines

While we favor health ministries that demonstrate creativity, innovation and experimentation appropriate to the context, requests for health-related equipment in support of these ministries will follow these guidelines:

1. The initial training for parish nurses or community health minister - \$450.
2. 80% of purchase price up to \$900 toward the purchase of one AED per church, after submission of proof of purchase.

3. Up to \$50 per person for official CPR/AED training that leads to certification, after submission of proof of completion. (Groups are encouraged to seek certified trainers who offer training at no or reduced cost.)
4. Books, brochures and pamphlets required to begin a program - \$100. (Many materials are available at no cost from community and government agencies and on various websites.)
5. The purchase of appropriate age appropriate blood pressure apparatus to begin a health ministry program. We will support up to \$40 per one extra large sphygmomanometer, up to \$20 for one adult sized cuff; and up to \$35 for one stethoscope.
6. The purchase of first aid kits - \$50.
7. Up to \$100 for advertising costs.

Expenses That Cannot be Funded

1. Utilities
2. Paper supplies and copying materials
3. Purchase of computers
4. Purchase of food
5. Honorariums for speakers
6. Replenishing supplies
7. Gas or travel expenses
8. Salaries
9. Facility expenses or improvements

Funding Notification, Unused Monies and Reporting

1. Results of the review process will be announced in writing as soon as possible. Grants awarded may be distributed in two or more installments.
2. Unused grant money is to be returned to the Susquehanna Conference if not utilized in the year that it was awarded. The request may be re-submitted when the program is ready to begin and will be made a priority for review.
3. A report that highlights the implementation and success of the new program must be submitted to the Mission and Outreach Team within one year from the date that the grant monies are received. Groups are encouraged to submit innovative programs and photos to the *LINK* for possible publication.

February 2018

**GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE
HEALTH MINISTRIES FUNDS**

for
Congregations, Networks, and Conference Affiliated Agencies
Requests for the Year 2019
Deadline: September 1, 2018

1. Congregation, Network or Affiliated Agency making request: _____

2. Name, Address and Phone Number of Person completing this application: _____
_____ Email _____

3. If a Congregation: Name, Address and Phone Number of Pastor: _____
_____ Email _____

4. What community(ies) does your organization serve? _____

5. Describe the purpose/outcome of the funds for which you are applying:
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6. How do you plan to achieve this (these) purposes/outcomes(s)?
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7. How will these funds help you connect with a real community need?
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8. How will these funds fit with the Conference goals as outlined in #2 of the Grant Funding Guidelines?
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9. Amount Requested: _____

10. Attach a copy of your proposed budget for the funds you are requesting AND your congregation's financial statement for its recently completed fiscal year.
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11. Attach the percentage of Shares of Ministry paid to the Conference within the last 3 years. Indicate the PERCENTAGE of your Shares of Ministry your church has paid.
Year _____ % _____ Year _____ % _____ Year _____ % _____

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**COMPLETE THE SECTION BELOW IF YOU ARE A CONFERENCE AFFILIATED AGENCY
OTHER THAN A CONGREGATION OR NETWORK:**

1. Official Name of Organization: _____

2. When and Where Created: _____
3. Fiscal Year of Organization: _____
4. Address To Which Correspondence Should Be Mailed: _____

5. Telephone No. _____
6. Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN): _____
7. Have Federal and PA Government Agencies determined that your organization is tax-exempted?
YES _____ NO _____ IF YES, attach copy(ies) of exemption letters to this application.
8. List all Officers, Directors, Trustees and Officials in charge of overall management of your organization: (Include names, addresses and titles).
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9. Attach a copy of your organizations' financial statement for its recently completed fiscal year, AND your proposed budget for the funds you are requesting.
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Signature: _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Church Pastor _____

Mail
Mail Grant Application and supporting documents by September 1 to:
Director of Connectional Ministries
Susquehanna Conference
The United Methodist Church
303 Mulberry Dr
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 1
Incomplete Or Late Applications Will Not Be Reviewed.

TO ALL APPLICANTS AWARDED CONFERENCE GRANTS

All those awarded grants are asked to provide a one page summary highlighting the important aspects of the implementation of the ministry for which grant monies were approved. This one page summary is to be sent to Director of Connectional Ministries at the above address. A summary must be received by the Director of Connectional ministries by the end of the year in which grant monies are received.