

Guidelines of The Virginia United Methodist Foundation Grants

Mission Statement:

The United Methodist Foundation of the Virginia Conference Grants Committee exists for the primary purpose to make financial awards for proposals, projects, ministries, programs, and activities at the CONFERENCE and DISTRICT LEVEL of the Virginia Conference. The committee will conscientiously attempt to communicate with district and conference leadership to better ascertain and understand district and conference needs and opportunities that have the capacity/potential of enriching many or all local churches or affiliated agencies of the Virginia Conference.

1. An annual grant application review process will be established between Foundation President and the Grant Committee Chair. Updates to these guidelines and application will then be reported to the full Board at its next meeting.
2. All grant proposals will be screened by Foundation Grants Committee and approved applications will be reported to the full board at its annual meeting.
3. Availability of grant awards, approval process, guidelines and application will be widely advertised through conference and district media outlets as well as through The Foundation website and e-letter.
4. Special Emergency Financial Assistance Grants may be awarded to a local church only with the sanction of the District Superintendent and approval of Foundation Board Executive Committee.
5. Grants will not be made to a local church for salary supplement, remodeling of building structure, making ADA accessible modifications to buildings, building repair, replacement – including furnaces, and air conditioners.
6. Grants will not be awarded as a funding source for perpetually funding any specific ongoing program, activity, or ministry of a local church. Continued or multi-year funding may be available, but will be reviewed annually by the Grants Committee to affirm continued funding.
7. Grants may be awarded to a church, a district or the Conference for the purpose of targeting, enhancing, or expanding their ministries that may enrich multiple local churches within a district or the Virginia Conference or all local churches or affiliated agencies exclusively within the bounds of the Virginia Conference.
8. Grants may be awarded for activities that are an integral part of a district or the Virginia Conference outreach program in keeping with the mission of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.
9. The amount of grant awards may vary based upon availability of funds and magnitude of the proposal, program, project, or ministry.
10. Applications previously submitted and not approved may be revised and re-submitted the following year.
11. Applications may be conditionally approved based upon IMMEDIATE REVISION(S) in compliance with Foundation guidelines.
12. Grant awards will be made once a year. Applications must be submitted to Foundation Grants Committee by November 1st. The decision of The Virginia United Methodist Foundation Board is final for all grant awards submitted for funding.

Each Grantee will be required to give at least a 250-word status report on how the funds were used to the Grants Committee. Failure to do so could affect receipt of future grant awards.