

Guidelines of the Dr. William J. and Frances Hanna Memorial Grant

Mission Statement:

The Dr. William J. and Frances Hanna Memorial Grant of The United Methodist Foundation of the Virginia Conference exists for the primary purpose to fund one special initiative annually that can maximize impact in the broadest context. This grant is designed with a special focus on creating a new strategic ministry initiative that could have potential for wide impact across the Conference. Funds may be used in any variety of directions for clergy or lay; for local church planting and for revitalization.

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 the Hanna grant, 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. New strategic ministry initiative needs to 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, existing ministry programs, remodeling of building structure, making ADA accessible modifications to buildings, building repair, replacement – including furnaces, and air conditioners.
6. The Hanna Grant will not be awarded as a funding source for perpetually funding any specific ongoing program, activity, or ministry of a local church, district of the Conference.
7. This grant may be awarded to a district or the Conference for the purpose of targeting, enhancing, or expanding their ministries that could have the potential for wide impact across a district or the Virginia Conference or affiliated agencies though out the Virginia Conference.
8. The grant may be awarded for a new proposal that can be integral to 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 awarded will vary based upon availability of the funds for that year. Only one grantee beneficiary will receive the grant.
10. The grantee shall be selected for its special focus on creating a new strategic ministry initiative that could have potential for wide impact across the Conference.
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.