

Purpose

Applications are invited for initiatives/projects that are new, innovative and aspiring whose intent is to provide direct impact on the Community. We are seeking projects that:

- Have a direct impact on our siblings;
- Build alliances with community entities that serve the community; and
- Integrate the UMC Core Social values, and PNWUMC and MILE directives.

Criteria | Projects should address one of more of the following:

Ministry Priorities

Pacific Northwest Conference priorities of advocating are: climate care and combating climate change, developing ministries with youth and young people, addressing disparities in housing, hunger, and health, standing for equity, justice, and against racism, and centering spiritual formation and discipleship.

MILE

- **Ministry that Matters** - Church can become a verb by committing to ministry that matters — working within our communities to address underlying needs in areas such as housing, climate, hunger, and health. This is what Bishop Cedrick calls our “window work.”
- **Itineration & Location**- In order to lead our ministries to effectively work within our communities, we must ordain, appoint, and assign clergy leaders to the right ministry setting with the right resources in place to effect change.
- **Lay Ministry Enhancement** - Laity are already a critical resource in our congregations and ministry settings, but there is a need to equip and empower laity to be a more active voice in our churches and communities we serve.
- **Eliminating Racism** - As people of faith, we need to renew our efforts to eliminate the racism that is pervasive not only in society, but within our congregations, ministry settings, and the institution of the church in general.

Eligibility

Projects must be part of UMC -sponsored ministries and be supported by a DS/Superintendent or pastor. The responsible party must include a fiscal agent to handle monies.

MOF will NOT fund: update or repair of property, purchase of real estate, appliances or real property assets, training or dialogue that does not result in quantifiable outcomes.

Process & Timeline - Funding Cycle: March 2026

Application Deadline: Feb 28 2026 | **Decisions made:** by March 31 | **Monies disbursed:** Early April

Please direct questions, concerns, or suggestions to MOF Chairs:

Armando Espinoza | 480-263-2692 or armandoespinoza74@gmail.com (English & Spanish)

Molly Fraser | 253-343-8119 | pastormollyfraser@ghumc.org (English)

Note: this is the first iteration of grant cycle with a new team of people. Processes may change and timelines may prove inappropriate. Please know we will do our best to communicate any changes. In addition, we have resources to be able to accept applications in Tagalog, Spanish, Korean. Please contact us if you need additional assistance.

Applicant Information**Grant Amount Requested:** _____

Project/Initiative Title:

Project Leader/Manager Name:

Contact Info (email, phone, address, website, if any):

Sponsoring Organization (church, non-profit, etc):

Organization Info (email, phone, address, website, if any):

Pastor/DS with Oversight:

Signature/Date:

Fiscal Agent | Treasurer:

phone:

email:

Associated Organization:

Org Fed Tax ID number:

Provide 2 references for people supportive and familiar with your project proposal.**If you have additional partners working with you, please list them.*

Name: Position:

Email/phone:

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Email/phone:

Accountability | Due 6 months from disbursement | Form will be provided

If your application is approved, you will be required to provide the Grant Committee with a financial report detailing how the grant money was spent based on the line items indicated in the budget portion of the project proposal submitted with this application. You are also required to submit a narrative report that describes the current accomplishment of your work and the impact of the project on the constituencies. Photographs or videos that document the implementation of the project are highly desired but not required. Failure to provide the financial report and the narrative report may prevent future grant opportunities for you and your organization.

Name of person who will provide report:

Application Questions

Your application can be typed or video. Please contact a chair if you choose to video.

A) Impact & Outcomes: Briefly describe your project. What change do you hope to see as a result of this project? Identify at least one short-term outcome and one longer-term outcome.

Maximum 150 words | 2 points maximum

0 points: Outcomes unclear or not measurable

1 point: Outcomes identified but loosely defined or unrelated to ministry priorities/MILE

2 points: Clear, realistic outcomes connected to ministry priorities

Maximum: 2 points

B) Ministry Priority Alignment | Listed on the first page of the application are the conference priorities and MILE. Describe *how the priority (or priorities) shape the project's design, activities, and intended outcomes.*

Maximum 400 words | 3 points maximum

0 points: Does not align with priorities

1 point: Priority is clearly named and relevant

2 points: Priority is intentionally integrated into project activities

3 points: Priority is central to the project's purpose and outcomes

Maximum 3 points

C) Project History, Context & Innovation: Describe any previous experience your group has related to this ministry priority and explain how this project builds on, expands, or reimagines that work. Clearly describe what is new or changing through this project.

Maximum 200 words | 2 point maximum

0 points: No clarity

1 point: Some capacity or connection to the ministry

2 points: Clearly shares how their ministry is capable of this project and connecting it to this priority

D) Spiritual Formation & Theological Grounding: How does faith, spiritual practice, or discipleship shape the vision and implementation of this project?

Maximum 100 words | 2 point maximum

0 points: No spiritual grounding described

1 point: Limited integration

2 points: Spiritual formation is clearly integrated into the ministry

E) Congregational & Community Transformation: How do you anticipate your congregation and/or wider community will be transformed? Describe expected changes in attitudes, practices, relationships, leadership capacity, or community impact as a result of this project.

Maximum 150 words | 3 point maximum

0 points: Transformation is not clearly articulated

1 point: General or aspirational changes described

2 points: Clear, realistic description of how people, practices, or systems will change

3 points: Compelling vision of measurable or observable transformation aligned with ministry priorities

F) Risks, Barriers, and Adaptive Capacity: What challenges or barriers might affect your ability to meet project goals, and how do you plan to adapt if circumstances change?

Maximum 100 words | 2 points maximum

0 points: No risks identified

1 point: Risks acknowledged but not addressed

2 points: Realistic risks with thoughtful mitigation strategies

G) Sustainability & Ongoing Budget: If this project is successful and intended to continue or be replicated, describe the plan for sustaining or funding the work beyond the grant period. *Maximum 150 words | 2 points maximum*

0 points: No sustainability plan described

1 point: Basic or emerging sustainability plan, or understanding of an endpoint

2 point: Clear, realistic plan for ongoing funding or replication, or a clear understanding of an endpoint

H) Resources Created or Shared: What resources will be created or used as part of this project (e.g., curricula, toolkits, worship resources, training materials, digital content)? **0 points**

I) Connectional Ministry Partnerships & Alliances: How is this project being co-created with the community it will serve and/or in partnership with other faith communities or organizations? *These partners should be listed in the references section.* Describe who is involved, their roles in shaping or implementing the project, and how these partnerships strengthen the ministry beyond what your congregation could do alone.

Maximum 100 words | 3 points maximum

0 points: No partners or co-creation described

1 point: Partners listed and/or some representation from marginalized communities, but roles or shared influence are unclear

2 points: Defined roles with shared responsibility and meaningful involvement in project design or implementation

3 points: Strong, mutual partnerships with shared power that shape strategy, decision-making, and outcomes

Project Timeline: Include key dates and milestones: task, responsible party, date. Example below.

3 point maximum

Month	Activity/Task	Person responsible

Project Budget: Provide a budget breakdown (e.g., personnel, general supplies, equipment, travel). Include matching funds you anticipate receiving for this project, if any.

Include a draft budget item expense, dollar amount, and alignment. Include a narrative budget that explains a brief description of budget details.

3 point maximum

Item/Expense	Dollar amount	How is it being used? Alignment
	Total amount.	

Application Submission

Please submit application by email (or mail) to Co-Chairs listed on page 1.

If you need to submit application by video, contact a co-chair to coordinate.