

Guidelines: Children and Poverty Grants

For several years the Kentucky Annual Conference has approved grants that provide seed money to encourage congregations, and small organizations, to develop creative ministries with children in their local communities. Priority has been given to ministries that reach out to children living in poverty and low economic situations. Preference will be given to creative ministries that directly impact the poor and ‘under served’ in a community. Ministries may include spiritual enrichment, Christian education, physical assistance, family support, or a combination of approaches.

The Children’s Ministry Team of the Kentucky Annual Conference will consider Children and Poverty grant applications two times each year. Spring Grant Applications must be submitted by **March 1st** of each year. (The committee will meet April/May and then respond to applicants). Spring grants are to help fund fall ministries. Fall Grant Applications must be submitted by **August 1st** of each year. (The committee will meet September/October and then respond to applicants). Fall grants are to fund Spring Ministries.

The following guidelines are applicable:

1. A completed grant application must be submitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference, including the application form (which can be downloaded from the conference website at www.kyumc.org), and a separate document detailing the entire budget for the new proposed ministry. The grant proposal should be clearly detailed, including plans for budget and staffing for the entire project. The grant may provide the funding for the entire project, or a part of the overall project.
2. Applications should be submitted to: Tami Coleman, Associate Director of Connectional Ministries, Kentucky Conference Office, 7400 Floydsburg Road, Crestwood, KY 40014 **OR** tcoleman@kyumc.org (electronic submission preferred).
3. Grants will be limited to \$1,000.00.
4. The \$1000.00 grant is to be used to help initiate a new ministry (not to provide support for an existing ministry).
5. The grant money is to be used for programming, staffing and/or other resources for a new ministry initiative. (It cannot be used for capital improvements to existing facilities).
6. Any congregation, or organization, that receives a Children and Poverty grant may reapply for a new grant after three years. The new grant application must be for a new creative ministry proposal/idea.
7. Cooperation with other agencies or churches in a community will be considered a plus.
8. Preference will be given to ministries that demonstrate an ‘intentional plan’ for taking the ministry initiative beyond the initial phase and the initial grant (seed money). For example: fundraising, etc... to help take the concept past the initial start-up phase.
9. Church or organization must comply with the Kentucky Conference Safe Sanctuaries policy.

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**CHILDREN AND POVERTY GRANTS
APPLICATION FORM**

**Letter describing proposal and budget must accompany this form.
(See Grants Guidelines)**

IF PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY A **CHURCH**, PLEASE FILL OUT:
SECTIONS I, III, AND IV – B and C

IF PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED BY AN **ORGANIZATION**, PLEASE FILL OUT:
SECTIONS II, III, AND IV – A and B

SECTION 1:

Name of Church:

Address: _____

LAITY Contact person and Title: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Evening Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number (if applicable): _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

CLERGY Contact person and Title: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Evening Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number (if applicable): _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

SECTION II:

Name of organization (if different from church)

Address: _____

What is your relationship to the sponsoring church or church organizations?

Name of **Contact** Person: (and Title of applicable)

Contact's Address: _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Evening Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number (if applicable): _____

Email Address (if applicable): _____

SECTION III:

Safe Sanctuaries: We affirm that our church has implemented a Safe Sanctuary policy.

_____ Enclosed is our Safe Sanctuaries Policy from www.kyumc.org web site with an additional page stating the *date the policy was adopted, the date the training was provided and the signatures of the Church Board members and pastor.*

SECTION IV:

- A. Signature of Director of Project or Organization
Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____
- B. Signature of Pastor or President of Organization
Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____
- C. Signature of Chair of Administrative Council or Equivalent Group (if church proposal):
Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Send Application to:

Attn: Children and Poverty Grant
Kentucky Annual Conference
United Methodist Church
7400 Floydsburg Road
Crestwood, KY 40014
tcoleman@kyumc.org