

Just and Resilient Communities Grant

Overview

The public health, economic, and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have affected communities around the world. These impacts, coupled with discriminatory, violent practices and policies targeting marginalized and vulnerable communities, have compounded injustice and inequity on a range of issues - access to healthcare, food security, human dignity and rights, and free and fair elections, to name just a few.

Given the scope and urgency of the crises, Church and Society is issuing a special cycle of grants to support United Methodists in building more just and resilient communities. While the goal of each proposal should address structural inequities, the design of the projects should reflect the contextual needs and assets of the community. Examples of proposals could include convening community stakeholders for conversations and action-planning, developing platforms for voices of those directly impacted by inequities, or building teams to advocate with decision makers.

Grants of up to \$10,000.00 will be awarded.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis through **Friday, June 26, 2020**.

Grant Eligibility and Use of Funds

Eligible projects will

- relate to a United Methodist or United Methodist affiliated organization;
- respond to the pressing and urgent advocacy needs revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- demonstrate clear goals that can be achieved within a six to eight month time frame.

Priority consideration will be given to projects led by and engaging with one or more of the following: marginalized and vulnerable communities, young people, ethnic local churches.

Grant funds shall be used for programmatic components of the project and not for salaries, purchase of equipment, purely administrative costs, or direct delivery of services. Funds are to be distributed through the Conference Treasurer, with exceptions made only upon approval from Church and Society staff.

Submission Requirements and Deadline

Applicants should email the cover sheet and Letter of Inquiry to grants@umcjustice.org no later than Friday, June 26, 2020.

Just and Resilient Communities Grant Cover Sheet

Date of Application:

Project Name:

Name of Organization:

Name of Conference:

What is the systemic change you hope to create with this grant?

Summary of Project Activities

Project Dates:

Geographic Area Served:

Amount Requested:

Total Project Cost:

Have you received Church and Society funds before? If so, please describe:

Will this project be funded by other general agencies as well? If so, please describe:

Project Director Information

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Organization Information

Address (principal/administrative office):

Mailing Address, if different from above:

Phone:

Fax:

Website (if applicable):

Just and Resilient Communities Grant Letter of Inquiry

The one-to-three page Letter of Inquiry (LOI) should include the following:

- describe the project and how the funds will be utilized including how it will respond to the systemic change needed to address injustices highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- a description of your congregation or organization.
- if and how you have been involved in Church and Society at either the conference or general board level (i.e. Notable involvement may include participation in seminar programs, internships, conference level leadership, PWJ Coordinator, Church and Society chair, etc.)