

Community Ministries Committee

Purposes and Procedures

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The Community Ministries Committee (CMC) provides grants to congregations to help them develop new and/or expanding ministries or projects of their own that will bring the churches into closer connection with their community or neighborhood. We also seek to encourage members of WNYACIC congregations to be involved in community groups doing community ministry. We will consider applications from congregations involved in these other outside groups as long as there is participation by church people. Grant money will be given to the church to use for these groups. A grant can be requested for a maximum of \$2000 and can be renewed for a maximum of three (3) years per project, per church. Grants requests for larger amounts will be considered pending available funds and strength of application. A church can request a maximum of two (2) grants per year.

Eligibility:

Any church in good standing in the WNYACIC may apply for a grant.

Application process:

A written application must be submitted including

- contact person information – name, address, phone, email
- statement of goals and purposes
- staffing for project – volunteer and/or paid
- process, procedure, and timeline
- budget statement with breakdown of expenses
- other source(s) of funding being used or sought

Please send applications or inquiries to: Ted Brelsford, pastor@faithunitedchurchucc.com, or hard copies to Faith UCC, 8651 Boston State Rd., Boston, NY 14025. 716-941-3529

Reporting:

The DCM shall solicit, and ***grantees shall provide*** a follow up report to the CMC on the one-year anniversary of receipt of the grant. This report should not exceed two (2) pages in length and should include:

- Statement of how the money was used. This should be based on but may reflect adjustments to the original budget statement with breakdown of expenses from the grant application.
- Statement of how the original goals and purposes of the grant were met. This should include short and concise specific examples where possible.
- Statement of ways the original goals and purposes were not met. This may include discussion of necessary revisions of goals or purposes along the way, and/or goals or purposes not yet met, and/or failures or disappointments. Short and concise specific examples may be helpful.
- Any other insights, lessons learned, or comments the grantee wishes to provide.
- Photos are welcome and should include a note of whether they may be used in WNYACIC publications.