



Northern Illinois Conference

OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Program Ministry Grants Information and Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can apply for a program ministry grant?

A: *Any entity that is part of an NIC congregation can apply for a grant. The pastor and church council (or equivalent) must endorse the request.*

Q: Who decides what grants are awarded for social reform, redevelopment, and creative ministries grants?

A: *The sponsoring committee will review applications and make awards.*

Q: What funding amounts are available to NIC congregations through program ministry grants?

A: *Grant amounts typically range from \$1,500 to \$3,000, depending on the category.*

Q: What follow-up is required of those awarded a program ministry grant?

A: *One year after the grant is awarded, or sooner if the timeline is less than a year, recipients will be asked to complete an evaluation form. Churches that receive grants will also get information on where to send the evaluation, etc.*

Q: How will funds be distributed?

A: *Checks will be mailed to the church treasurer, designated for the project.*

Q: Can I use grant money to fund a staff position?

A: *No. Grants may only be used to fund projects and programs, not staff.*