

# Grant Guidelines & Procedures

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## Guidelines:

### Ideal Funding Requests are:

- Ability to further the mission of the United Methodist Church by supporting one or more of General Conference 4 Focus Areas: (1) Ministry with the Poor, (2) Improving Global Health, (3) Develop Principled Christian Leaders, or (4) Create New & Renewed Congregations.
- Specific, detailed and time-bound
- New and innovative
- Aimed at becoming self-sustaining over time
- Collaborative with other congregations and/or community partners

### Funding may be requested for, but is not limited to, the following:

- Local Church ministry initiatives
- Collaborative ministry initiatives
- Team member training that helps them better serve the conference in their current role
- Training leaders from within the Annual Conference for the benefit of the church
- Sending representatives to Jurisdictional or General Church events – such requests must include a detailed outline for how the knowledge will be brought back to the Annual Conference and in what ways it will make an impact of the work of the Annual Conference. These requests must be discussed with the Connectional Ministries Director before the request is submitted.

### Funding may not be requested for the following:

- Direct assistance for capital improvements for individual churches or agencies.  
*(Such as the addition of a permanent structural change or the restoration of some aspect of a property.)*
- Direct assistance for operational costs to individual churches or agencies *(i.e. utility bills, salaries, etc.)*.

## Procedures:

- Complete application and submit
- Email detailed budget to Pam Higgins ([phiggins@ngumc.org](mailto:phiggins@ngumc.org)). **Applications will not be submitted for consideration until the budget has been received.**
- Funding Request Applications can be found on our website at:  
<http://northga-reg.brtaapp.com/CMGrants>.