

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19



## EXAMPLES



### EMBODYING THE SPIRIT OF THE GRANT

- A confirmation class in a rural town plans to decorate the outside windows of the nursing home and of shut-ins in their community with window paint. (\$75) YES!
- An evangelism committee will bake plates of cookies and deliver them to 200 homes in the community, accompanied with flyers that detail healthy coping mechanisms and contact information for Mental Health Hotlines in the area. (\$150) YES!
- A couple in an urban community where several family restaurants are in danger of going under will purchase gift cards to give to families in need towards the end of the month. (\$500) YES!
- A congregation in a community hard-hit by the opioid crisis commits to forming an ecumenical capacity-building team that will begin gathering over Zoom. Funding will supply books, honorariums to experts who consult, NARCAN training for designated team members, and seed the down payment to investment in an imagined apartment where recovering peers could be hosted.(\$1500) YES!

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## MISSING THE SPIRIT OF THE GRANT

- When we can gather back together for in-person worship, an individual wants to purchase a \$250 new curriculum for in-person youth Sunday School. \*\*Requires guidance.
- A church Quilting Guild requests \$500 to make more Lutheran World Relief Quilts. They will also make masks to donate. \*\*Requires guidance.
- A techy congregant requests \$1 500 towards mounting new cameras in their sanctuary to “improve the quality of recording services”. \*\*Requires Guidance.

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## GUIDANCE FROM THE ADVISORY TEAM

- A congregation requests \$500 of funding to support their current food pantry program.
- A member of the Advisory Team reaches out and shares with the applicant that the guidelines of the grant require an original project.
- After asking some questions, the Advisory Team member discovers that families who frequent the pantry have noted that in this time they are lacking community and are having a hard time finding the food items they need.
- The applicant and Advisory Team member create a proposal together to address this need. The microgrant will fund new, weekly 'cooking classes' that bring together small groups in the church kitchen where the clients set the menu and share recipes their families enjoy. These meals creates a sense of community and mutual learning, and provides the congregation with a better understanding of what needs to be stocked in the pantry. The congregation decides that they will raise additional funding to continue these weekly meals.

# INTERNAL TIMELINE

**Saturday May 2: Seek Council Approval May 2**

Monday May 4: Announce Campaign: May 4

Tuesday May 5: Application Opens

Tuesday May 5-Tuesday May 12: Donors + Congregations Approached

**Thursday May 7: Advisory Team Members Sent for Exec Com. Approval**

**Monday May 11: Executive Council Approval of Advisory Team**

Tuesday May 12: Advisory Council Intro Call

Friday May 15: Advisory Council Weekly Review Call #1

Tuesday May 19: First Round of Awardee Notification

Friday May 22: Advisory Council Weekly Review Call #2

Tuesday May 29: Second Round of Awardee Notification

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Applications accepted and approved on a rolling basis as funding remains.

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