

"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 enters into a time of listening to the community to design a mural that reflects its story. Community members are invited to join in the process of painting the mural on a run-down building in town. (\$500) 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 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.(\$2000) 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 \$1500 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 Coaching team reaches out and shares with the applicant that the guidelines of the grant require an original project that sparks a new way to meet the needs of the community.
- After asking some questions together, the applicant and coach discover 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 revises their proposal 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 provide 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.

Dreaming
Session

Tuesday, April 20th 7:00 PM

**Join us with questions and ideas
about your grant proposal as we
gather to dream together about
new ways to serve our community.
Invite your friends!**

Zoom link to follow.

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