



Mission Grant Application for 2026

One proposal per application. Please be as complete, thorough, and accurate as possible. Keep your responses concise and focused on the project.

Award Category for this application (check one)

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Reaching Out (\$1,500 maximum award)

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Church Vitality (\$1,500 maximum award)

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Facilities and Operational (\$1,000 maximum award)

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Innovation (\$5,000 maximum per year, \$10,000 lifetime maximum award)

These three categories are short-term projects, generally no longer than six months.

Innovation grants are longer-term (up to 18 months) projects that reflect a bold and innovative approach to ministry and/or apply an old model in a new way to address a particular need within the ministry context (e.g. community outreach). Ministries that are meant to be ongoing, as well as ministries that are meant to be impactful for a particular time and place, are encouraged to apply. Please note: A coach might be available for a three to six-month period to help you achieve your goals.

Project Title:

Amount Requested:

Organization Name:

Organization Address:

City, State, Zip:

Contact Name:

Contact Position:

Contact Phone:

Email:

Website:

Keystone Association:

Area of Service:

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Rural

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Suburban

☐

Urban

Total Membership:

Average Worship Attendance:

Are you seeking funds from other sources?

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Yes

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No

If yes, from whom and what amounts have been awarded or are pending? (Provide supporting documentation.)

If any part of your project remains unfunded after considering this application, how will the balance of project/program be funded?

Summary of the project to be funded; if for Innovation, describe how it is bold and innovative.:

What are the primary goals and objectives of this proposal?

What is the target population that will benefit or participate in this project and about how many people will be reached in your congregation, community or region?

How will you measure the success of the project?

How will you sustain the project after the grant award expires?

What is the timeline for your proposal?

Project/Program Budget: Please complete the attached budget (on page 4) indicating all project/program costs and funding sources.

Information about other UCC grants is available at: http://www.ucc.org/scholarships-grants/program_grants

We agree to report to the Mission Grants Committee on the progress upon completion for short-term projects or after 12 months and upon completion, for long-term projects.

Name of Board/Consistory/Council President/Moderator	Signature	Date
Name of Pastor	Signature	Date

Deadlines: April 15 for Spring applications, October 15 for Autumn applications

Mail to: Mission Grants Committee, Keystone Conference UCC, PO Box 6625, Harrisburg PA 17112
or Email: keystoneuccgrants@gmail.com Phone: 717-652-1560

For Committee Use Only

Date Reviewed: _____

☐ Approved Amount Approved \$ _____

Comments: _____

Source of Funding: _____

☐ Not Approved Reason: _____

Date Decision Letter Sent: _____



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Project Budget

Project/Program Title:	
Amount Requested:	
Church Name:	
Church Address:	

TOTAL NEEDED		
REVENUE		
1. Grants and Contributions		
	Keystone Mission Grant Requested	\$
	Church contributions committed to the project	\$
	Other donations of money or in-kind that have been secured	\$
TOTAL REVENUE (Committed + Requested Funding)		\$
Notes:		

EXPENSES		
2. List all Anticipated Expenses		
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
TOTAL EXPENSES ANTICIPATED		\$

The following questions will help us to understand your congregation's view of our covenantal relationship. The answers are required but will not be used to determine the outcome of your grant request.

1. Do members of your church participate in meetings of the Association or Conference (and/or boards, committees, or teams of the Association or Conference) or of Ministry Partners of the Conference?

In addition to the Annual Meeting of the Keystone Conference and the Conference Board of Directors, the Conference currently has the following committees and teams: Association Presidents, Budget and Finance Committee, Conference Committee on Ministry, Generosity Committee, Governance Committee, Investment Committee, Mission Grants Committee, Nominating Committee, Outdoor Ministries Committee, Personnel Committee, Annual Meeting Planning Team, Caring for Churches -- Caring for Clergy Team, Faith Formation Team, Justice and Witness Team, Legacy Team, and the Open and Affirming Team. Also, the Conference has the Ministry Partners that regularly report at our Annual Meeting, including UCC Homes, Racial Justice, Global Ministries, Coaching, Disaster Ministries, and Cultivating Congregations. For more information, visit www.keystoneucc.org. Your Association will also have committees and teams in which your members participate.

Yes No If no, how might your congregation be encouraged to participate?

2. Does your church support the wider church through donations to Our Church's Wider Mission and the other 5 for 5 offerings?

(The 5 for 5 offerings include Basic Support of Our Church's Wider Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund. For more information, visit www.ucc.org.)

Yes No If no, how might your congregation be encouraged to participate?