

GROAT FUND FOR RURAL MINISTRY

Description

The Groat Fund is a gift from the estate of Mary Ellen Groat to support rural ministries of United Methodist Churches in the Indiana Conference.

Eligible Churches: Any United Methodist Church located in Indiana with a population of less than 7,000 people within a two-mile radius of the church as determined by the latest MissionInsite demographic report.

Scope of Eligible Projects: The funds should be used for missional outreach purposes, reaching people outside the walls of the church.

Size of the Grants: Grants can range in size depending on the project. The typical range is between \$500 and \$3,000 and are paid out in one payment. Churches are expected to contribute at least 20% of the project's cost.

Grant Approval: Grants are approved by the Conference Church Development Committee. Applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the committee's meeting. Send completed (scanned) applications as a PDF to CD@inumc.org, Or, mail to:

Indiana Conference UMC

Attention: Church Development

301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 300

Carmel, IN 46280

Contact CD@inumc.org for the meeting dates or any other questions.

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Application

Church's Name: _____ District: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Person Submitting Application: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Check all that apply:

- The church is a United Methodist Church in Indiana
- The population living within a two-mile radius of the church is less than 7,000 people
- The project is intended to facilitate the church's outreach beyond its congregation
- The church is covering at least 20% of the project's cost
- The church's Council approved this request. Date: _____
- The church has notified its Superintendent that it is applying for this grant

Note: If all of these are checked, the church is eligible to submit the application.

1. Describe the project being funded: _____

2. Explain how it will reach people outside of the church: _____

3. How much money is needed to do the project? \$ _____

4. Attach the project's budget showing both anticipated expenses and income.

5. How much is requested from the Groat Fund? \$ _____

Note: If approved, a check will be made payable to the church and mailed to the above address to the attention of the person submitting the grant. Please indicate below if any changes should be made to this arrangement.

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