

Covenant Association
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ
N.O.W. (Need, Opportunity & Witness) Grant

Purpose of funds: to support the needs, gospel Witness and ministry opportunities of Covenant churches.

Criteria & Policy Guidelines

Examples of financial allocations (including but not limited to):

1. Programs or projects that witness to the gospel of Christ.
2. Programs or projects that provide needed service(s) or resources for the wider community, especially underprivileged persons (e.g. food pantry, infant car seats for new mothers, community meals, etc.).
3. Programs or projects that provide educational opportunities for a faith community or wider community.
4. Support for a faith community in times of need, when facing unexpected expenses (e.g. PPE during COVID pandemic; fire, storm or flood damage, etc.)
5. Mission programs or projects that support local, regional or global community needs.
6. Refugee support in the local community.

Grant Eligibility

1. Member churches of the Covenant Association
2. Preference given to first-time applicants
3. Grants awarded based on need, merit and funds available at time of application.
4. Requested funds must meet approved allocations for use and:
 - a. Must be consistent with the biblical and theological principles and vision of the Covenant Association, Michigan Conference and United Church of Christ
 - b. Grant requests for service ministries should linked with ministry, education, and opportunities to make your ministry stronger and more sustainable.
 - c. Recipients are expected to provide a written report regarding the impact of funding, by the end of the fiscal year in which the funds are disbursed (Dec. 31).

How to Apply:

1. Complete the N.O.W. grant application (pages 2 & 3 of this document)
2. Deadline for applications: by 15th of the month
3. Return application to:
 - a. Moderator:
 - i. Dawn Christenson: revdawnchristenson@gmail.com
 - ii. Questions? Email or call Dawn at 517-256-4268
 - b. Copy to Keith Koebel, Treasurer
 - i. Email: lkoebelucc@yahoo.com
 - ii. Mailing address: 7662 El Cajon Ln, Jackson, MI 49201

5. Please add any additional information or comments that would be helpful to the Covenant Association Executive Team.