

**Guidelines for
Fund for Service to Others**

**Trinity United Methodist Church
Evansville, Indiana**

Trinity United Methodist Church announces the following changes in its Fund for Service to Others grant program (Fund B). Beginning in July 2021, our Fund B will offer three categories of grants:

John Wesley Grant. This grant offers up to \$25,000 a year, for as much as \$75,000 over three consecutive years.

Charles Wesley Grant. This one-time grant offers \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Susanna Wesley Grant. This one-time grant provides \$500 to \$3,000.

Our congregation rejoices in assisting the community through our Fund for Service to Others. We evaluate applications based on these general criteria:

- Project fits and supports Trinity's mission: *growing passionate disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
- Funds serve others in our community—within Vanderburgh and contiguous counties.
- Grants to help the needy.
- Projects addressing spiritual as well as physical needs receive priority.
- Funds do not directly benefit Trinity members.
- Recipients will engage Trinity members as volunteers if possible.

We remind you, however, that we do not grant requests for

- medical expenses,
- endowments,
- capital building costs,
- lobbying,
- fundraising events,
- individuals, and
- non-tax-exempt organizations.

John Wesley Grants

Except in extraordinary circumstances, we will consider John Wesley Grants only for agencies with operating budgets under \$1 million.

We will evaluate applications not only for the proposal's efficacy but also on the agency's plans to involve Trinity members. Evaluation criteria will continue to address Wesleyan service—doing all the good we can.

The Fund for Service to Others encourages grant recipients to use the \$25,000 as a matching gift, thereby doubling its size. Although a plan to match the gift may not prove the deciding factor, we will weigh it heavily in evaluation.

John Wesley Grants will require progress reports, not to exceed three pages excluding budget, at the end of year 1 and year 2 of the grant. At the end of year 3, the recipient will submit a formal report on the project's success, that report not to exceed eight pages excluding budget.

Two members of the Fund B Committee will serve as liaison with the John Wesley Grant recipient. Moreover, a member of the Fund B Committee will assist the recipient in fundraising and in involving Trinity members in the recipient's project. We require an interview with the committee before evaluating the proposal and reaching our decision.

All other requirements appear on the application.

Charles Wesley Grants

The Charles Wesley Grant is a one-time gift in the range of \$5,000 to \$8,000. These grants may or may not be project-based, and we require no matching funds.

An agency wishing to apply for a subsequent Fund B gift must submit a two-page project report on this grant, including budget, at least one month before applying for another.

See the application for all further requirements.

Susanna Wesley Grants

The Susanna Wesley Grant is a one-time grant in the range of \$500 to \$3,000. Susanna Wesley grants may or may not be project-based.

Recipients wishing to apply for a subsequent Susanna Wesley grant must submit, on the application form, a substantial paragraph explaining previous Fund B gifts and their specific outcomes.