# Global Migration – 2023 Mustard Seed Grant Program

The Mustard Seed Migration Grant program is designed to encourage local United Methodist churches to engage in ministry to migrants and refugees in their midst. UMCOR will award grants of **$2,000 USD** to up to 100 United Methodist local churches to engage in new, one-time community-based service projects and ministries focused on migrants and refugees.

The goal of this program is to nurture a deeper understanding and care for the most vulnerable in our communities. We also encourage participating congregations to think about what they might do on a long-term basis, how they might get involved in advocacy to address systemic injustices present in immigration policy, or consider how they might more completely live into a new understanding of church as the kingdom of God, actively engaged in caring for the most vulnerable in the community.

**Program Criteria:**

- Aligns with UMCOR's mission and vision
- Engages the congregation in implementation of the project
- Leverages local assets wherever possible
- Serves refugees and migrants, whether those migrants are refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, trafficked persons, stateless persons, or economic and environmental migrants
- Identifies and responds to a localized and specific problem
- Is informed by the refugees and migrants they are serving

- Fills a specific need or gap in services; services are either nonexistent or overwhelmed
- Is feasible given the partner's capacity, background, expertise, staffing, infrastructure, existing partnerships, and proposed budget
- Shows promise to deliver positive results
- Is based on need and need alone
- Can be completed within six months
- Does not exceed a budget of $2,000 USD
- Budgets proportionally to the scale of the envisioned impact

Only local United Methodist churches are eligible for this grant. Churches who have not participated previously in this program will be given priority. Grants will not be awarded to applications for travel or the shipping or transporting of supplies; sub-granting to other organizations; proselytizing, pastoral care or worship; or multiple congregations intending to pool separate Mustard Seed grants for the same project.

**Application Instructions:**

a. All sections must be completed, and information should be clear and concise.
b. When completing the application, please be sure to address the program, especially the requirement for congregational implementation of the project and exactly how refugees/migrants will be selected separate and apart from their relationship with the church or Christianity, and how the refugees/migrants will benefit from this project.
c. Grants are intended for new activities in your local community, not for pre-existing programs of the local church. The program must also be completed within six months.
d. Applications must be signed by senior pastor and lay leader of the local church.

**Deadlines:**

Completed applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, within 4 weeks of submission. Though the final deadline is November 1, 2023, we encourage churches to submit their applications as soon as possible, since awards will be given on a first-come first-served basis. Applications must be signed by the project grant manager *and* senior pastor. For more information or to submit a completed, signed application, email **mustardseed@umcor.org**.

# 2023 Mustard Seed Migration Grant Application Form

*Please fill out every question to the best of your ability and get in touch with Global Ministries staff if you have any questions/concerns. Please do not use acronyms – spell the whole name if applicable.*

## Section 1: Organization Information

| Date of submission | | **Name of the program this grant relates to** *(see top of page 1)*: | Mustard Seed Migration Grants |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Name of church partner and annual conference*** | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| ***Organization contact information (church)*** | **Street address** | | |
| | **City, state/province, postal code** | | |
| | **Country** | | |
| | **Phone number** | | |
| | **General email** | | |
| | **Website** | | |
| **Grant contact person** | **Name & title** | | |
| | **Email** | | |
| | **Phone** | | |
| **Grant payee** *(if different from church partner or organization listed above)* | | | |

## Section 2: Project Information

| **Project title** | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Project location(s)** *(be as specific as possible)* | | | **Amount requested (USD)** | |
| **If project is US-based: What is the racial/ethnic breakdown of the congregation/communities served by this project?** | | | | |

| **Project time frame** | **Start date** *(mm/dd/yyyy)* | **End date** *(mm/dd/yyyy)* | **Project duration** |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | **Year** | **Amount** | **Final report(s) submitted?** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Has this project or your organization received Global Ministries/UMCOR funding in the past 2 years?** *(check one)* ☐ Yes ☐ No | | $ | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |
| | | $ | ☐ Yes  ☐ No |

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1.  **What is the goal of this project?** *(50-word maximum)*

2.  **Please briefly describe the socioeconomic and cultural context of the community specific to the project location, highlighting needs/challenges addressed through this proposal.** *(250-word maximum)*

3.  **Please outline the activities that this funding will support to achieve the goal?** *(200-word maximum)*

4.  **Name the program objectives from page 1 that align with your project and explain how they align?** *(See cover page. 100-word maximum)*

5.  **Who does this project reach/benefit and how are they selected?** *(100-word maximum)*

**6. Please fill out the chart below.**

| Category of persons reached | Number of individuals | Source of documentation |
|---|---|---|
| *Example: Students* | *50* | *Attendance roster* |
| *Example: Mothers* | *10* | *Beneficiary list* |
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## *Section 4: Project Budget*

| Income | USD |
|---|---|
| UMCOR Grant (Mustard Seed Migration Grant) | $2,000.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **$2,000.00** |

| **Expenses** *(example categories: personnel, materials, food, lodging, publication, equipment, space, utilities, travel)* | USD |
|---|---|
| *Example - Personnel* | *$###.##* |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| | $ |
| **TOTAL** | **$2000** |

## *Section 5: Child Safety Policy*

*Global Ministries requires grantees who work with children and youth (under 18 years old) when using funds provided by Global Ministries to either adopt its Child Safety Policy or have its own policy, which substantially complies with and contains the core tenants set forth in Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy. If your organization is applying for funding for work even in part with children and youth (under 18 years old), please attach your organization's Child Safety Policy or agree that you will adopt Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy.*

*Access the Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy here.*
*Access the Global Ministries' Child Safety Checklist here.*

☐ Applicant agrees to adopt Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy.
☐ Applicant attaches its own Child Safety Policy, which meets Global Ministries' requirements.
☐ Applicant confirms this proposal does not involve any work with children and youth (under 18 years old).

## *Section 6: Program-Specific Questions*

7. **How will the congregation be engaged in the implementation of this project?** *(100 word limit)*

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## *Section 7: Signatures*

| Pastor of church | |
| --- | --- |
| **Name** | |
| **Title and name of organization** | |
| **Signature** | |
| **Date** | |

| Lay leader | |
|---|---|
| **Name** | |
| **Title and name of organization** | |
| **Signature** | |
| **Date** | |