

Global Migration - Mustard Seed Migration Grant Program

The Mustard Seed Migration Grant program is designed to encourage only local United Methodist churches to engage in ministry to migrants and refugees in their midst. UMCOR will award grants of \$2,000 USD to only United Methodist Churches to engage in 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 raise awareness 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
- 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 or fills a specific need or gap in services
- Is informed by the refugees and migrants they are serving
- Is feasible given the partner's capacity, background, expertise, staffing, infrastructure, existing partnerships, and proposed budget
- Must be completed within six months
- Does not exceed a budget of \$2,000 USD

The awarded funds to local United Methodist Churches for the Mustard Seed Migration Program should not be utilized for any of the following purposes:

- Transporting or assisting in the transport of undocumented immigrants across state or international borders or at all if the intent in transporting them is to help them remain in the United States unlawfully.
- Harboring or concealing an undocumented immigrant, including but not limited to, providing housing (including within a church), or hiding someone from immigration authorities.
- Employing undocumented workers or retaining them as employees, knowing they are undocumented.
- Purchase of tracts/bibles/worship materials.
- Renovation of church property.
- Salaries of clergy (or clergy time) to work with migrants.
- Complete pass through of funds to a third organization without any congregational involvement in the project.
- Traveling to see or assist migrants in locations beyond the local community.
- Shipping items to other locations or otherwise sending donations outside the local community.
- Any illegal activity under federal, state or local laws.

Only local United Methodist churches in the U.S. are eligible for this grant. The grant proposal must be for a congregational project based in the church's local community. 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 community project. The grant proposal must be a congregation-based community 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 activities in your local community. 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. 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.

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			
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 (6 month maximum)	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End date (mm/dd/yyyy)		Project duration	
Has this project or your organization received Global Ministries/UMCOR funding in the past 2 years? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Year	Amount	Final report(s) submitted?		
		\$	Yes	No	
		\$	Yes	No	

Section 4: Project Budget

Income	USD
UMCOR Grant (Mustard Seed Migration Grant)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00

Expenses <i>(example categories: materials, meals, lodging, equipment, space, groceries, gift cards, clothing, school supplies, hygiene items, teaching materials)</i>	USD
<i>Example - meals</i>	\$###.##
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$2,000.00

NOTE: Everything listed in the budget table should equal and not exceed \$2,000.

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

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

Section 7: Signatures

Pastor of church	
Name	
Title and name of organization	
Signature	
Date	

Lay leader	
Name	
Title and name of organization	
Signature	
Date	