2016 Annual Conference Mission Offering
Children in Poverty in Holston
Grant Application

Grant Information and Guidelines

- Grants are available to support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children from birth through age seventeen and their families.

- Program grants are not for new construction or capital improvements (equipment, furniture, etc.); they are for program support only.

- Ministry grants should not be used to as a primary means for salary support.

- Holston Conference churches and related Holston Conference programs and ministries are eligible to apply for these funds.

- The *maximum* Program Grant is $5000.

- No program grant will be made where the grant funds constitute more than 2/3 of the total program cost.

- **Priority consideration will be given to applications for new ministries building ongoing relationships that will serve the children in poverty in their community.**

- Funds will be granted quarterly as funds are available. Application deadlines are **August 15, November 15**, **February 15,** and **May 15,**

- **All applications must be filed on the approved Program Grant Application Form with <u>all</u> required signatures. Attach additional sheets as needed. A copy of your current Safe Sanctuary Policy is <u>required</u>.**

- All Application Forms should be requested from and returned to Children in Poverty, Holston Conference of the UMC, P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701-0850 by the above mentioned deadlines. The application may also be found on the Conference website under Grants.

- Grant recipients may apply again the next year but subsequent grants, if awarded, will be reduced by 1/3 each time.

- If a grant is awarded, ***a written summary report is required to be returned within a year of receiving the grant.*** The evaluation form will be included with your award. Failure to complete the summary report will disqualify any future grant applications.

Return application by to:
Children in Poverty
Holston Conference Center
P. O. Box 850
Alcoa, TN 37701-0850

FAX: 865-690-3162 Phone: 866-690-4080

E-Mail: MikeSluder@holston.org

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Contact Form and General Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

District _____ Church _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip_____

Contact Name/Position _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Date Application Submitted:

_____

Name of Project _____ **Amount Requested** _____

Is this a **new** or **existing** ministry? (circle one)

If this is a new ministry, what is the proposed beginning date? _____

If you do not receive a grant award during this cycle, would you like to be considered for future grant cycles?
YES, we can adjust the start date_____ NO, we would not be able to launch this ministry_____

Is this planned to be a **short-term** or **on-going** ministry? (circle one)

Ages primarily to be served: (circle) 0-6 6-12 13-17 ALL ages (0-17)

Type of ministry to be funded by this grant:

Please select the **primary** area through which the funding will be applied.

_____ Partnership with Community School
_____ After-school program
_____ Basic needs (food, clothing, etc.)
_____ Child Care/Weekday Care
_____ Christian Education
_____ Community Outreach (takes place off church property)
_____ Homeless Ministry
_____ Mentoring
_____ Ministry to children of prison inmates
_____ Music
_____ Weekly children's program (inclusive of Bible study, recreation, fellowship, etc.)
_____ Worship
_____ Other - please describe _____

Applicants should seek to do one or more of the following:
As your church considers a partnership or new ministry, it would be helpful to take several factors into consideration. How does your ministry directly connect your church with the faculty, staff, students and families in your local school(s) or the people in your community? How will the children and youth of your congregation engage in this ministry? How can the outreach move from a transactional model (meeting immediate needs) to a transformational model (building long-term relation)? Meeting an immediate need is important, but what are the next steps that build relationship?

- Identify with the poor within their communities and implement a "personal" form of ministry, giving special attention to the needs of children.
- Develop a partnership with the school in their community.
- Develop ministries at the local level that empower caretakers of children.
- Emphasize inclusion of the impoverished and children in worship/evangelism/educational/missional programming.
- See children as participants in ministry as well as recipients of ministry.
- Establish more relationships with children and families who are poor in their communities.
- Reflect on where and in what way God is leading them to respond to the call of the Gospel as a result of the Annual Conference's current area of focus.

Please answer the following questions <u>on a separate sheet</u>.

1. *Describe the ministry to be funded by this grant and how it will address one or more of the above needs.*
2. *Why is this grant necessary for addressing this need?*
3. *What other resources have been explored within and outside of the local church budget to meet this need?*
4. *How does this proposed ministry express the Gospel in responding to the needs of economically disadvantaged children and/or their families?*
5. *How will the people in your congregation participate in this ministry?*
6. *How will children in your congregation participate in this ministry?*

Church Profile (Last calendar year)

Total Membership _____ Average Attendance in Worship _____Sunday School _____

Financial Profile of the ministry for which funds are requested:

➡ **<u>Important:</u>** Attach a detailed copy of the projected current budget for this ministry, *including all sources of income*. See the attached sample budget.

Safe Sanctuaries Policy: Please attach a copy of your <u>current</u> Safe Sanctuaries policy.
Failure to furnish a current policy (reviewed within the last year) will disqualify the application.
Our Safe Sanctuary policy was last reviewed/updated on _____. (Date)

Signed _____
Pastor

Signed _____
District Superintendent

Signed _____
Applicant/Contact

Office Use ***Date Received*** _____
Safe Sanctuary Policy Updated _____