

**Columbia District Church Extension Society
Fund for Vital Ministries**

Purpose of the Fund: The Fund for Vital Ministries is being established to provide funds, in the form of grants, for churches and programs of the Columbia District of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. These funds shall be used to help establish new programs and ministries in these churches and programs, and to revitalize existing programs and ministries in these churches.

Source of Fund: The initial funding of the Fund for Vital Ministries (FVM) is being established by the share of the proceeds from the sale of properties in the Columbia District, specifically Sellwood UMC and Laurelwood UMC. Any funds received from these property sales will be directed to the FVM. In addition, the remaining balances of the Garden Home UMC and Pioneer Chapel Development and Redevelopment Funds will be transferred to the FVM. When future property sales in the Columbia District from which CDCES receives a portion occurs, a majority vote of the Board of CDCES shall be required for those funds to be added to the FVM.

Guidelines for Grants from the FVM: The goal of the FVM is to grant up to \$15,000 each year for the above stated purpose(s). Funds will be granted until the funds in the FVM are depleted completely. The Columbia District Church Extension Society (CDCES) Grant Committee will process the initial requests, with the vote of the Board of Directors of CDCES making the final vote for granting funds. In order for a church or program to be eligible to receive funds from the FVM, they need to participate in a vital ministry process in the Columbia District and be approved by the District Superintendent. Funds may be used for any purpose to establish or revitalize a ministry or program, including staff costs. Restrictions on how the monies will be used may be made by the District Superintendent or the board of CDCES before granting the funds, and will be binding if the church or program accepts the funds.

To be considered for funding at the next meeting of the CDCES Board of Directors, the application must be submitted to the Chair of the Loans/Grants Committee with a copy to the CDCES Administrative Assistant **no later than two weeks before the meeting.** The meeting schedule and contact information are all available on the CDCES website: www.umoi.org/columbiaCES.

Restrictions for Grants from FVM: Grants from the FVM will not be available for initial, new church start funding, since there are other funding opportunities currently available for new, initial church starts. This restriction may be removed by a vote of the board of the CDCES at any time.

Attachment: Application
Adopted 1/15/2014, updated 2018

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Application**

Name of Ministry Setting:

Contact Person:

Pastor's Name:

Description of Project (what will you do with the money?):

Project Timeline (when will the proposed project begin, what is the time frame involved, etc.)

Describe how this project will support the vital church initiatives of your congregation:

What benchmarks will indicate that you have achieved success with this project (these should be specific goals that you can use in your final evaluative report)?

Amount requested: \$

To whom will the check be made out?

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: _____ DATE: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD/ADMIN CHAIR: _____ DATE: _____

CDCES LAY REPRESENTATIVE: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____