

Edwards Church Northampton
Outreach Grants Ministry Team Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from the Edwards Church New Way Funds program.

Grant Eligibility Requirements and Goals: Organizations need to be aligned with the mission and purpose of Edwards Church (for more information, please visit us on the web at: <https://edwardschurchnorthampton.org/about-us/mission-vision-and-values/>). We are especially interested in funding new and innovative approaches to societal and climate challenges, both locally and globally. As we work to do our part to create more equity in the world, please know that we will give preference to BIPOC led organizations. Recognizing that grant-based organizations and projects almost always benefit from greater financial stability, we are open to multi-year commitments (if desired) when operating or ongoing project support is requested. For example, if a project with an annual cost of \$100 is requested and granted, we would consider a commitment of \$300 over three years. However, this also means that we limit these types of requests to \$5000 or less.

If you are applying to another organization for funding and they have their own application, Edwards Church is happy to accept their application in lieu of the questions below. If we have any additional questions after reviewing that application, we will contact you.

When completing the questions below, we know you can only skim the surface with the character limits given, and that's OK. If we need to know more, we'll ask. We also offer the following suggestions for the amount of time you spend completing the application.

<\$1000	No more than 1 hour
\$1000 to \$5000	Roughly 2 to 3 hours
>\$5000	We ask you to use your best judgment

Upon receiving your application, someone from the Edwards Church Outreach Grant Ministry team will contact you shortly to confirm receipt and provide a general timeline for a decision. The team is small and, apart from the non-voting members, made up of volunteers from the congregation. As such, it typically takes more time to meet, discuss and discern than compared with, for example, a staffed non-profit organization. We may also request a meeting and/or site visit or request additional information. Such requests are not a guarantee of financial support. The Grant Ministry Team, working with each prospective grantee, will determine the terms of the grant. Again, thank you for your interest and application.

Name of Organization to Sponsor

Address:

Contact Person:

Position:

Phone:

Email:

Website, if available:

Tax ID, if applicable:

Fiscal sponsoring organization, if applicable:

Project or Program Title, if applicable:

Grant type/Fund Objective(s):

- General Operating Support
- Ongoing Project
- New Initiative
- Capital Campaign
- Scholarship

Project Summary

What problem are you trying to solve? What is your implementation plan? When will the program begin and what are the major milestones? What are the immediate and lasting impacts you anticipate this project will make? *(please limit to one paragraph)*

Resource Needs

What is the total amount you are requesting from Edwards Church? \$

If the request is greater than \$5,000: 1) Please provide an estimated project budget. Budget may span multiple years. 2) Provide a brief description of other funding sources of your organization/program(s). *(one to two sentences)*. If the request is \$20,000 or greater, Please attach your organization's current year full fiscal budget. If available, please provide your operating budget for the upcoming year.

If you are requesting funds toward a larger project budget or fundraising goal, what will happen if you do not receive the anticipated funding from other sources? *(one to two sentences)*

Apart from financial contributions, what other resources (such as volunteers, donations of goods/supplies, communication/publicity, etc.) would be helpful in achieving your program's goals? *(one to two sentences)*

Evaluating Outcomes

How would you define success for the proposed grant? How will you measure the effectiveness of your project in achieving its objectives? How will you share information about your grant-related work and its outcomes? *(one paragraph)*

Risks and Challenges

Describe the internal and/or external factors that may present obstacles to your outcomes (financial, political, legal, administrative, cultural, religious, or security issues; partnership arrangements). How will these risks be managed or mitigated? Please provide the names of other organizations with whom you will likely be collaborating on this project. *(one paragraph)*

Organization Overview

What problem does your organization address? Which target populations and geographic areas do your organization's programs serve? Please outline your current program(s), advocacy efforts, and accomplishments, if they are not available on your website. *(one paragraph)*

Disclosure/Transparency

Have you been in communication with someone at Edwards Church about this inquiry? If yes, with whom? *(one or two sentences)*