Grant Guidelines

All programs receiving outreach monies must be nonprofit registered 501c3 organizations, or have a fiscal agent with 501c3 status. Grants range from $2,000-$10,000. We focus our giving on Massachusetts organizations. Our mission recognizes that “the community’s deepest need is for authentic, positive connections among people of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.” Within that broad mission, there are some areas of focus:

• social justice and outreach programs that work within and alongside communities in need (hunger, homelessness, anti-violence, veterans, youth, medical needs, and disaster relief are special priorities.)

• environmental action and eco-justice

• youth mission opportunities

• programs where a small grant can make a significant contribution to a program or service.

We do not provide:

• Funding for individuals.

• Grant requests over $10,000.

• Multi-year grants (although grantees may request funds again for similar programs, this fund is not an endowment and will close once all funds are spent.)

Please return completed application by email seedsofgracefund@gmail.com or mail to: Seeds of Grace Fund, Edwards Church UCC, 39 Edwards St., Framingham, MA 01701
“Seeds of Grace” Mission Fund
Outreach Grant Request Form
Grants Due: July 9, 2021
Grants Awarded: September, 2021

Part 1 -- Cover Sheet -- Can be filled out below or typed separately

Grant application submission date: ________________________________
(All grants are due by JULY 9, 2021.)

Contact Information

Organization Name: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: _________________________________________________________________

Website: ____________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name/Position: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Amount of funding requested: __________________________

Tax ID # or name and tax ID # of fiscal agent: __________________________________________________________________

If this is a fiscal agent, please provide contact information below:

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Part 2 -- Narrative -- No more than 2 pages, please.

Briefly describe the work of your organization by answering these questions.

1. What is your mission? Whom do you serve?

2. How does this grant fit into the Seeds of Grace Mission Fund goals?

3. Our church has made a commitment to becoming more anti-racist. Tell us how your organization is engaging issues of racism and oppression.

4. Would there be opportunities for Edwards Church members to participate in your mission, and/or do they already participate in your mission? Please describe.

Part 3 -- Budget

Please attach:

1. An overall budget -- income and expenses -- for your organization for the past year.
2. A breakdown of how this grant money in particular will be spent.
3. An explanation of other anticipated funding sources necessary for this project, and how you will proceed if not all anticipated funding is acquired.

Part 4 -- Organizational structure

Please attach:

1. A list of officers on the board of your organization
2. A list of key employees who will enact the grant project, if applicable

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