



Your Information

Name of Church/Organization: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Home Cell Work

Person completing application if other than pastor: _____

GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED JANUARY 1, 2024

How do you intend to use the grant funding?

- Leadership Development
- Evangelism with Discipleship Plan
- Ministry to the Poor with Discipleship Plan
- Structural improvements or expansion of facilities as a result of outgrowing space currently used to reach & assimilate the community into the life of the congregation

Exclusions: Handicap ramps; elevators; general updating/redecorating; computer hardware or software; equipment (A/V, mechanical, sports, appliances, etc.); supplies

1. Project Description

Please describe your project. Include supporting information to explain why you believe it will contribute to the revitalization of your congregation. If this is a partnership, please list all sponsoring churches or organizations. *Use extra sheets if needed.*



What do you hope to accomplish? How will you measure success?

Dollar Amount Requested for 2024	
Dollar Amount Your Church Will Contribute to this Project <i>A church or ministry organization will be expected to contribute at least 20% of the total cost of the project</i>	
Dollar Amount Any Partners Will Contribute	
List Other Funding Sources You Have Applied or Intend to Apply (list in the rows below)	

Have you received a grant from this district or other sources in the last 5 years? Yes No

If yes, when, from who, for what purpose? (Note, 1st time applicants will receive priority) _____

Note:

- Grant recipient churches are expected to pay 100% apportionments during grant application year & grant recipient year.
- Grant recipient churches are encouraged to regularly enter their measurable fruitfulness data on the online West Ohio Conference "Breakthrough" Dashboard.



2. Data

Effectiveness in disciple making is measured both qualitatively and quantitatively; numbers alone do not paint an accurate picture of fruitfulness. However, the narrative that is drawn from numbers is a critical component to the total picture.

Congregational Statistics:

Provide the following congregational statistics by year for each of the last 3 years:

	<u>3 years ago</u>	<u>2 years ago</u>	<u>Last year</u>
a. Total number of professions of faith	_____	_____	_____
b. Total number of baptisms	_____	_____	_____
c. Average weekly worship attendance	_____	_____	_____
d. Total weekly adult class attendance	_____	_____	_____
e. Average weekly youth ministry attendance	_____	_____	_____
f. Average weekly children’s ministry attendance	_____	_____	_____
g. Total # in confirmation class	_____	_____	_____
h. Total membership	_____	_____	_____
i. Percentage of apportionments paid over the last three years	_____	_____	_____

i. District** _____

****conference apportionments will not be used to determine eligibility**

Financial Data

Provide a copy of your church budget:	Expenses	Income
a. Actual expenses and income for last year	_____	_____
b. Current expenses and income for this year	_____	_____
c. Projected expenses and income for next year	_____	_____

Please provide the following financial information for your project:

- Attach a proposed line item budget for your project. This budget must be itemized and include both expenses and income.
- Explain your plan and time frame for this project becoming self-sustaining.
- What is the amount and nature of any debt?
- What stewardship program or “Generous Givers” initiative do you currently have in place for your congregation?
 - If you do not have a program/initiative in place, what plans do you have to implement one in the next year? Please provide specifics.



3. Pastoral Leadership: This section is to be completed by the Senior Pastor

What continuing education have you completed in the past 3 years?

How have you applied what you've learned? Give specific examples.

Is your congregation regularly entering the measurables on the online West Ohio Conference "Breakthrough" Dashboard? Yes No

Have you taken any laity to any of the continuing education opportunities (including district raining events)?

No Yes, How Many? _____

If yes, please list the training events to which you've taken laity:

How long have you been at this appointment? _____

List all previous appointments and your tenure at each:

Church	Location	Tenure



4. Questions

Please direct any questions to District Administrative Assistant, Diana Hall– 740-851-5243;
dhall@wocumc.org.

5. Submitting Your Application

Please send the completed grant application & all required attachments by midnight October 1, 2023 to:

Shawnee Valley District • 573 E. Main St. • Chillicothe OH 45601
or to: dhall@wocumc.org

Grant recipients will be notified by December 1, 2023 as to whether any grant will be given, and the amount awarded. Grants will be awarded January, 2024.

6. Signatures

This is to certify that the following parties have read this Grant Request and approve of its submission to the Shawnee Valley District. Failure to attach the signature page will render your application incomplete and disqualify it from consideration.

I agree to have an on-site visit with grant team members and provide additional data as needed.

Senior Pastor signature: _____ Date: _____

Church Board Chair signature: _____ Date: _____

7. Use the checklist below to ensure your application is complete:

- Provide all church and contact information
- Mark the type of project to be funded on page 1
- Complete Project Description including additional pages as necessary.
- Provide all data requested on page 3
- Senior Pastor - complete Page 4
- Enclose a current budget for the cost of this project.
- List anticipated funding sources.
 - Include the amount funded by your church
 - Include the amount requested through this district grant
 - Include any other financial support applied or intended for this project