**2023-2024 Funded Ministries**

**United Methodist Community Ministries**

**Local Outreach Grants (For 2024)**

Local Outreach Grants are the cornerstone grant awarded by UMCM to churches in the Olentangy River District. These grants support mission and ministry that focuses on discipleship, transforming communities, and sustainability. Churches are able to apply for a Local Outreach Grant up to $7500 for three years for eligible ministries.

**Bethel International UMC** – A youth ministry collaborative with other churches in their circuit, seeking to build strength and capacity by bringing youth from multiple congregations together.

**Grant: $7500**

**Cityview UMC –** An Open Mic Night fresh expression at a local coffee shop designed to be a safe place for people to share music and poetry and to gather together to build relationships.

**Grant: $7500**

**Clair UMC** – Essential Reach Ministries addresses the physical needs of the home insecure population with fresh meals twice a month and a clothing pantry.

**Grant: $7500**

**Crossroads UMC –** The Crossroads Connect program is an outreach ministry to children and families in the neighborhood and greater Hilltop area that meets weekly.

**Grant: $7500**

**Engage Newark –** The Little Arrows Play Café is a ministry to young families that offers space to play and create while sharing the love of Jesus.

**Grant: $7500**

**Epworth UMC** – A food ministry provides groceries to food insecure people in the Northland area year round through produce markets and special deliveries.

**Grant: $4000**

**Glenwood UMC** – A Sunday morning community breakfast that creates opportunities to build relationships with the community, particularly those living in poverty.

**Grant: $1620**

**Groveport UMC** – The Free Friday ministry uses donations to provide food and toiletries for those in the community struggling with life’s basic needs.

**Grant: $7500**

**Hilltop UMC –** The Friday Lunch program serves free meals to the community and also is developing a resource manual to form connections that may serve other needs.

**Grant: $5733**

**Maize Manor UMC –** The Urban Farm Church models creation care through green space, green farming techniques, and green energy resources.

**Grant: $7500**

**Neal Avenue UMC –** The creation of an outdoor prayer wall that spreads the love of Jesus through prayer and invites the unchurched community to participate.

**Grant: $4892**

**Pataskala UMC –** The Kids Eat Free program provides meals to children through extended school breaks when free and reduced lunches are inaccessible.

**Grant: $7500**

**Stonybrook UMC –** The Community Connection Initiative offers high quality, technologically advanced space for a number of church and community groups to be welcomed into the church for gatherings.

**Grant: $7500**

**Summit Station UMC –** The Bags of Hope free store and pantry works with a number of partners to provide food and supplies to the local community.

**Grant: $7500**

**District Mission Centers (For 2024)**

Each District Mission Center serves as a regional lighthouse for the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church in central Ohio. The DMCs provide multiple distinct ministry opportunities to reach a wider population and are partnered with multiple churches both inside and outside the UMC as well as community organizations. Each District Mission Center is supported at $12,500 annually in three year grant cycles.

**Broad Street United Methodist Church**

**Community Development for All People**

**New Life Community Outreach**

**Water’s Edge Community Center**

**Freedom Schools (For 2024)**

Each Freedom School associated with a United Methodist church or mission center is eligible to receive grant funding from United Methodist Community ministries on an annual basis. A $5000 grant was awarded to each of the following Freedom Schools.

**Community Development for All People (Church for All People)**

**Licking County Freedom School (Christian Endeavor UMC)**

**Schealthness Inc. (Asbury North UMC)**

**2023 Microgants**

Microgrants for up to $1000 are available throughout the year and awarded quarterly by UMCM. They support new ministry ideas, seed projects, outreach efforts, and emergency funding for ongoing missions.

**King Avenue UMC –** Parish Nurse Ministry

**Hilliard & Scioto Ridge UMCs –** Weekend worship and retreat centered on healing

**North Lewisburg UMC** – Monthly Kids Night

**Magnetic Springs UMC –** Updating safety equipment in the church

**Rushsylvania UMC –** Summer youth outreach program

**Grove City UMC –** Installing AEDs

**North Broadway UMC** – Guest speaker series, tabletop games small group, college age ministry

**Kirkersville UMC** – Circuit ministry website

**Church of the Messiah** – Open Shelter laundry partnership

**Livingston UMC** – Food pantry freezer replacement

**Perryton UMC –** Church marketing and advertising

**Marion Epworth UMC –** First responders circuit ministry outreach

**Powell UMC** – College care ministry, community outreach team, praise choir

**Harlem Road UMC** – Christmas marketing campaign

**Pataskala UMC** – Diaper pantry, English Language Learners program