

Is Your United Methodist Church or Ministry:

- ⇒ Serving a rural Wisconsin community?
- ⇒ Planning to improve building or ministry access or safety?

OR

- ⇒ Looking to upgrade technology to improve virtual accessibility (online presence)?
- ⇒ In need of financial support to help achieve these plans?

We can Help! Apply for a Rural Ministry Accessibility or Online Technology Grant TODAY!



Visit the Conference website:
<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/grants>

Contact the Conference Finance Office at:

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Groat Rural Ministries

Accessibility
(including virtual accessibility)
Grant

Available for Wisconsin United Methodist Churches/Ministries



Support for accessibility (including virtual accessibility) improvements in facilities in Wisconsin's rural communities.

Grant Funds Info

- Matching funds available through a bequest from the Groat family.
- Funds available to support improvements that address building/ministry accessibility or improve virtual (online) presence for rural ministries/facilities.
- Grants to match up to 50% of the total project expense.
- Grants available with a per project maximum of \$15,000.
- Funds available until the Groat bequest is exhausted.
- Applications accepted throughout the year and reviewed/awarded in January, April, July & October.

Who Can Apply

Any United Methodist facility/ministry that

- Is located in Wisconsin
- Can self-identify as serving a rural community.
- Is undertaking a building or ministry enhancement project to improve accessibility or technology upgrade to improve virtual accessibility.
- Has a completed Annual Accessibility Audit for UM Churches (*not required for technology project*).

Download Accessibility Audit at <https://umcdmc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/umc-accessibility-audit-2019-fillable.pdf> . Or contact the UM Conference Finance Office (see back for contact information) to be sent a copy.

How To Apply

Submit a written request on church letterhead that describes the following:

1. Church/ministry and how it meets the criteria of “rural”. Include how long the facility/ministry been in existence, and a description of it’s physical location.
2. Plans to improve physical or virtual accessibility For building project, attach a completed accessibility audit form (see middle section of this brochure)
3. Verified costs of proposed modifications (ie, contractors bids, list of equipment with costs, etc.)
4. The amount of grant funds requested. (cannot exceed \$15,000 per project, or 50% of project costs as described above)
5. Other information to help the committee reach a decision.

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