

## Does Your Rural United Methodist Church Facility Lack:

- Indoor plumbing
- One flush toilet
- Electricity to meet building codes
- Heating system with thermostat
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Smoke detectors
- Air quality testing
- Lighted exit signs
- Radon testing and remediation

The WI Conference Board of Trustees can help!

Apply for Groat Minimum Standards Grant  
**TODAY!**



Visit the Conference website:

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/grants>

Contact the Conference Finance Office at:

750 Windsor Street, Suite 104  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-2149  
[TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org](mailto:TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org)  
608-837-7320

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Grants from the Groat Fund are managed under the direction of the WI Annual Conference Board of Trustees.

Trustees review applications in January, April, July, and October. Applicants will be notified via US mail within 2 weeks following grant review.

Funds are distributed under the direction of The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

## Groat Board of Trustees Minimum Standards Funding Grant

Available for rural Wisconsin United Methodist Churches needing help to meet church facilities' minimum standards.



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Rules & Policies**

## Grant Funds Info

- Funds available through a bequest from the Groat family supporting rural churches.
- Funds available to support capital/physical building improvements to meet minimum standards for WI church facilities in rural setting.
- Grants to fund up to 80% of the total improvement expense.
- Grants available with a per facility/ministry lifetime maximum of \$30,000.
- 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 that:**

- Is located in Wisconsin and can be described as “rural”.
- Is undertaking a capital/physical building improvement that addresses minimum standards per Conference Policy 130.1.1.
- Has the support of their District Superintendent
- Is an active and viable ministry in the current facility/location and plans to continue ministry there for 5 or more years.

## How To Apply

Submit a written request on church/ministry letterhead **describing for the church/ministry:**

1. How it is not meeting minimum standards. Include length the facility/ministry been in existence, a description of it's location, and how it meets a definition of rural.
2. The plans to meet minimum standards. Attach vendor quotes for the proposed remedial work (the verified costs of proposed modifications, i.e.: contractors bids, supplies list with costs, etc.)
3. The amount of grant funds requested. (cannot exceed \$30,000 per facility, or 80% of the cost as described above)
4. Include a letter of support from D.S. and any other information to help the trustees reach a decision.

### **Mail to:**

WI UM Conference Finance Office  
Attn: Trustees/Treasurer – Groat  
Trustee's Minimum Standard Grant  
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