

Is Your United Methodist Church/ Ministry:

- Serving a rural community in Wisconsin?
- Planning to improve building or ministry access or safety?
- In need of financial support to help achieve your plans?

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



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

Contact the Conference Finance Office at:

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Groat Rural Ministry Accessibility Grant funds are managed under the direction of the WI Annual Conference Board of Trustees. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in January, April, July and October and applicants notified via US mail within 2 weeks following grant review. Funds distributed under the direction of The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

Groat Rural Ministry Accessibility Grant

Available for Wisconsin United Methodist Churches/
Ministries



Support for 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 or ministry accessibility in rural ministries/facilities.
- Grants to match up to 50% of the total improvement expense.
- Grants available with a per facility/ministry lifetime maximum of \$10,000.
- 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 operating in a rural area/community.
- Is undertaking a capital/physical building or other ministry enhancement project that improves accessibility.
- Has a completed Annual Accessibility Audit for United Methodist Churches.

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/ministry letterhead with the following:

1. Describe the 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. What are the church/ministry plans to improve accessibility? Attach the completed accessibility audit form (see middle section of this brochure)
3. What are the verified costs of proposed modifications (ie, contractors bids, list of supplies with vendor costs, etc.)
4. What is the amount of grant funds requested? (cannot exceed \$10,000 lifetime per facility, or 50% of project costs as described above)
5. Other information to help the committee reach a decision.

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