



GRANTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

The United Methodist Foundation of New England is pleased to share this summary of 2010 Grant awards.

2010 Annual Grant Awards

Annual Awards range from \$1,000 - \$5,000 and are reviewed in June by the Grants & Financial Assistance Committee

Down East Maine Cluster, ME

The Cluster is a new shared ministry serving fourteen (14) churches spanning a 100 mile wide region. It seeks to increase missional capacity and develop leadership for physical and spiritual ministries.

Awarded \$5000 for program and development expenses including communication and stewardship resources, plus coaching. One goal is identifying effective techniques for the benefit of other cooperative ventures within the Conference.



“UM Action Reach-out Mission by Youth”, Northeast (based in MA)

“UMArmy” organizes summer youth mission camps based in churches to provide home repair and maintenance in communities. Hands-on mission work is combined with fellowship, worship and leadership development.

Awarded a \$3000 Match for a scholarship fund campaign to subsidize 2011 participants. \$3000 of the scholarship funds will be designated for New England groups. (Note: A donor matched this grant before the launch of the campaign!)

Hedding UMC, Barre VT

With a history of community activism, this vibrant congregation’s proposed Campaign envisions a comprehensive planned giving ministry for the church and into the community. Already blessed by bequests, they seek to invite and manage planned gifts in ways that increase giving and generosity. Education and marketing tools developed will be available for other congregations.

Awarded \$1,500 for Stewardship and Planned Giving development resources, including technical assistance from Foundation staff.



The Committee reviewed ten other proposals seeking funding for services to children, homeless persons and local communities. The creativity and missions focus of the proposals impressed the Committee. Proposals not funded were notified and some are exploring other options.

The Committee’s decisions were impacted by several observations. Some proposals sought funding for new staff without clear plans for sustainability. In other cases, reducing debt or limiting endowment spending was identified as appropriate groundwork preceding a new ministry initiative. Several proposals were referred to the Rapid Response Process which has led to several successful applications.

Rapid Response Grant Awards

Rapid Response grants typically range from \$500 - \$1,000 and are reviewed within 4-6 weeks of submission. The Rapid Response process provides limited funding for projects any time during the year.

NEAC School of Congregational Development, Nov 5-6, 2010 at Grace Chapel, Lexington, MA
Features four "Faith & Money" workshops for conference attendees

Award: \$2,500 for participant scholarships with registration for "Faith & Money" workshops encouraged. Scholarships available through event registration @ www.neumc.org.



Wilton Food Pantry, Wilton ME – Community food bank in Wilton UMC

Award: \$630 replaced an outdated freezer, increasing capacity and reducing electrical expense. They report saving \$44.00 in June, 2010.

Kingfield UMC, Kingfield, ME - "Bridging the Gap"
Community meals program for seniors and children

Award: 50% match up to \$650 for a new refrigerator. Fundraising event scheduled for October, 2010.



Arlington St. UMC, Nashua, NH – Small congregation developing their stewardship with a campaign called "Building the Base"

Award: \$500 toward campaign expenses

First UMC, South Portland, ME – Small congregation conducting a stewardship campaign with coaching from the Foundation **Award:** \$500 toward stewardship campaign expenses



HeadsUp, Inc, Providence, RI – first time Board Appeal in 2010

Seeking to supplement the Mathewson St. UMC budget with ministries eligible for grants for community resources and programs, this new Board recognizes the importance of financial support by leadership

Award: \$1,000 match for a Board Appeal

New Hampshire District – After purchasing Financial Peace University leader's materials, this District requested funds for ten \$50 scholarships for participant resources (\$100)

Award: \$500 for scholarships as this popular 13 week personal finance program is field-tested

The Committee continues to receive Rapid Response Proposals. Because Rapid Response funds remain available for 2010, additional awards are possible in the current year.

Thank you for your support!

UMFNE Grants & Financial Assistance Committee

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