



2021 Spring Grant Application

Our mission remains to have 100% of United Methodist Churches in Arkansas participate in an initiative to alleviate childhood hunger through feeding ministries, public witness, and education for long-term stability. 200,000 MORE Reasons expands the understanding of education and long-term stability to include such poverty alleviation strategies as literacy and promoting a healthy, stable family. We recognize that by working to alleviate poverty, we have the best opportunity for ending childhood hunger in Arkansas.

For educational and inspirational resources, please visit our website at <https://arumc.org/our-ministries/200k-more-reasons/>, follow us on Facebook and join the 200,000 More Reasons Facebook Group.

Priorities:

- 1) Continue feeding food insecure children and their families through food distribution, meals, gleaning and community gardens, looking especially to the fill in the gaps when children are less likely to be fed at school.
- 2) Seek to close the academic gap for students by offering support for grade level reading, especially for those through grade 3. By offering in- or after school reading help; summer literacy programs; school partnerships; book distributions; and building a child's personal library, children may learn to read in order to read for learning.
- 3) Promote a healthy, stable family for those children we serve in our communities. In opening our doors and ministries to those who face substance abuse crisis; who need greater physical, nutritional, emotional and mental health literacy; and, who want stronger coping skills for their current life contexts, the church offers hope for a better future for the food insecure.

200,000 More Reasons small grants **of up to \$2,000** will be awarded through a competitive process. United Methodist churches, groups and organizations may apply. If one is applying on behalf of a ministerial alliance or as part of a community or faith-based partnership, then congregational volunteer activity with these groups is expected.

Those applying must at a minimum

- 1) meet at least one of the priorities listed above
- 2) demonstrate a ministry design that focuses on servicing food-insecure children ages 0-18

3) Operate during the spring and/or summer months. Please do not apply at this time if you are requesting funding for the fall. Grants will be available in the summer to meet this need.

The strongest applications will:

- 1) Express financial need.
- 2) Intentionally focus on food insecure children in it design except for those around promoting a healthy, stable family. This should involve the guardians of the food insecure.
- 3) Show understanding of the social issues being addressed, including a response to those intensified by the coronavirus pandemic.
- 4) Incorporate a design that includes more than one priority as listed above.

Examples of a feeding ministry that is MORE may be one that offers a support group for grandparents of food insecure children or one that distributes books to children they feed. Other examples are a ministry that offers reading skills enrichment for students plus a healthy snack or parenting workshop.

Items to note:

- 1) If your church has received a grant in the past for a feeding ministry for which you are applying again then be intentional in explaining why continued support from this small grant is necessary. NOTE: We ask that you apply for one grant per fiscal year for a specific ministry. The Fiscal year runs July-June. There will be another grant application process in late summer or fall. Therefore, if you received a Fall 2020 grant award, please do not complete an application for the same ministry.
- 2) Visit <https://arumc.org/our-ministries/200k-more-reasons/> for more ministry ideas and resources.
- 3) Here is a link to the latest Map the Meal Gap report showing how many children in your county are food insecure. <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2018/child/arkansas>
- 4) If your ministry design expresses an interest to **extend WIFI capability** to those in your community for virtual learning, we will schedule a zoom meeting in order to provide more resources and answer questions or concerns about doing this safely during the pandemic.

Please complete the attached **200,000 More Reasons Small Grant Application** after reading the above carefully. Return via email or postage mail to:

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Applications are due by March 12, 2021.

***If acknowledgment of receipt is not made within 5 days, please call 501.425.9049.
Look for an email from Wufoo for online submission.***

If funds are granted, a written report listing and describing use of the funds should be submitted to the 200,000 More Reasons staff before September 17, 2021. More information will be provided closer to time.

Church Name/Organization:

Ministry Contact Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

County:

ARUMC District:

Contact Phone (_ _)

E-Mail

Title of Project/Ministry

Amount requested (not more than \$2,000) \$

Please answer the following. Answers may be provided on separate sheets if necessary.

1. What is the purpose of your ministry? Describe action/actions to be accomplished with the grant, including the timeframe, hours of ministry, etc.
2. Describe the need in your community. How does this ministry build relationships with those in your mission field and community? Who will you be serving? What type of impact does your ministry make for those you are serving, especially on food insecure children? As a feeding ministry, are you connecting with more than one priority as listed above as a way to do more to alleviate poverty?
3. Give an estimate of the number of children this project will serve or meals to be served. If applying as a food pantry or community meal, give an estimate of the number households with children that are being served.
4. If this ministry is a project for which you received a grant for previously, how does this request expand or differentiate itself from that prior grant application?
5. Provide a budget for the ministry, including details of projected costs. What percent of the total budgeted cost of your ministry does this grant request cover?
6. Provide a budget narrative including financial need. Expound where helpful on budgeted costs. What partners or other financial resources do you have to supplement your funding now? How do you plan to fund this ministry beyond the grant term?
7. Does this ministry involve other local United Methodist church(es)? Which churches are involved and what are the respective roles in the ministry?

Did the church pay tithe apportionments in the previous year? (circle) Yes No

Other supporting documents may be included with the grant application.