

**The New Mexico Annual Conference**   
**McCreless Endowment Fund**  
**for**  
**UMCOR-CHILD RELATED MINISTRIES**

**Grant Guidelines**

Purpose: The McCreless Endowment Fund has the purpose of supporting mission projects within the New Mexico Annual Conference that will serve the needs of children with an emphasis that reflects United Methodist Committee on Relief values and goals.

Administrator: This fund shall be administered by the Conference Board of Global Ministries of the New Mexico Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Accountability: Maintenance of the fund is invested in the accounting structures of the New Mexico Annual Conference Methodist Foundation and dispersal and accountability for expenditures from the fund rest with the New Mexico Conference Board of Global Ministries.

Eligibility: Organizations whose purpose is consonant with the purpose of the fund and whose work is entirely or predominantly within the bounds of the New Mexico Annual Conference may apply for grants from the fund.

Schedule for application: Applications must be received no later than March 15 of each year.

Application process: Applicants must provide the information in electronic or typewritten form on the Application Form to the address designated on the website and must agree to the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting process described on the Report Form.

Limitations: None of the funds will be used for staff of the conference or board, or for any purpose other than that of supporting mission projects within the scope defined under "purpose," above.

Grants are to be expended for the purpose of the project within the calendar year following the application. Grants may be renewed up to three years after evaluation and a reapplication. Applicants must comply with ¶ 806.9 of The United Methodist Discipline.

Criteria: Projects will be supported to the extent they comply with the intentions to:

- Identify underserved children, marginal communities, or individual and populations in crisis or with pressing human or spiritual needs;
- Connect direct services to strategies aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty, injustice, and human need among children;
- The degree to which those who are being served are involved in planning, goal setting, and decision making;

- Work with other congregations, nonprofits, and groups in the community and state supporting the purposes of the particular project;
- Communicate through a network of others in the same ministries about resources, strategies, training, and other means of strengthening the ministry.

Priority

Priority will be given to ministries addressing the most pressing issues of children, who are the primary focus of this endowment. UMCOR related ministries focus on health, food, and the safety of poor vulnerable children.

Consideration will be given to the ratio between administrative expenditures and expenditures for direct services or activities carrying out the stated purpose of the organization applying.

Disbursal of Funds:

Announcement of grants will be made by July 1. One-half of the grant will be sent no later than August 1. The second half will be sent no later than February 1, assuming the report and evaluation form has been properly filled out and received.

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