

**Southwest Association (SWA)**  
**Michigan Conference—United Church of Christ**  
**GENERAL GRANT APPLICATION**

(Please read grant criteria included before completing this form)  
Submit completed form to the Association Council for consideration  
Attach additional sheets if needed

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF MINISTRY, PROGRAM, OR EVENT FOR FUNDS REQUEST:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF MINISTRY, PROGRAM, OR EVENT:

GOALS OF MINISTRY, PROGRAM, OR EVENT (show how grant criteria below will be met):

IS THIS A FIRST TIME REQUEST?                      IF NOT, DATE OF LAST GRANT RECEIVED:

AMOUNT OF REQUEST (Please attach a proposed budget):

WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING WILL BE USED (if any):

*Date received:*

*Date considered:*

*Amount granted:*

## Procedures and Criteria for SWA General Grants

Grants shall be awarded on an ongoing basis by the SWA Council as funds are available. Application forms can be downloaded from the Association website ([swamiucc.org](http://swamiucc.org)). Completed forms should be submitted to the Association Council for consideration.

General Grants will be reviewed and awarded by the Association Council based on the following criteria:

- Proposals for new grant applicants will be given priority over repeated requests from the same church.
- Proposals from new grant applicants will be given priority over renewal requests.
- Proposals with the following elements will be given priority (although the ministry or program does not need to include every element):
  - Reach beyond people already being served
  - Involve collaboration between SWA congregations
  - Involve collaboration between an SWA congregation and another community organization
  - Leadership development and training

Each grant recipient shall make a presentation up to 10 minutes long at a subsequent SWA meeting to describe and celebrate what was accomplished with the grant.

Presentations may include visual displays, video, and storytelling and should cover:

- What was the concern or circumstance being addressed?
- How did the grant address that concern or circumstance?
- What was the impact of the program funded by the grant?
- What did you learn that might be helpful to share with other congregations?