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Subject: 2025 Bertha Wilson Fund Grant Process
Attachments: Project_Evaluation_Form-UPDATE 2025.docx; June 2024
_Operations Policy_of_the_Wilson_Fund.docx; 2025
_Editable_Grant_Application_Rev.docx;
Disbursement_Criteria_update 2024.docx; 2025
_Grant_Application(paper).docx

We have had our first meeting for the 2025 grant process distributing funds from the Bertha H. Wilson Fund. This year we will be approximately the same amount available as the past 2 years which is about \$12,000.

Below you will find attachments for our guidance, disbursement criteria, application forms and criteria, and an evaluation form which is mandatory for project leaders to return upon completion of their project.

I encourage the congregation leadership teams to communicate and assist in getting the word out to your members about this grant availability.

If there are questions or concerns you can reach out to me or confer with your congregation representative listed here;

Ascension - Guys Hendrickson

Faith - Paul Hudson

Our Saviour - Melinda Klopfenstein

Resurrection - Ray Scott

St. Matthew - Lori Hodo

Zion - Jim Neumeyer

We are looking forward to seeing your grant requests and learning how you are reaching out into the community to share what we learn in Matthew 25: 35-36 and Matthews 28:19-20.

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED IS
MARCH 25, 2025!**

Peace:

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Thank You,
Bob LaDuke

Rights are earned - Privileges are a gift.

BERTHA H. WILSON FUND DISBURSEMENT CONDITIONS

1. Funds are to be used for a mission or ministry project, focused in Saginaw County possibly including other Mid-Michigan areas, which the applicant congregation is sponsoring or in which it is actively collaborating. Collaboration may be with any other Christian or sectarian organization as a co-applicant.
2. Funds are to be used for projects that are consistent with *Matthew 25:35-36*) *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”* and/or *Matthew 28:19-20* to *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”* **Funding requested must support these goals, either directly or indirectly, and must explain how their project or program relates to these criteria in the description of the project/program.**
3. Members of the applicant congregation must be actively involved in the project for which funding is provided.
4. Funds may be combined with revenues from other sources. In such case, the Wilson Fund contribution helps to complete the funding required. Applications for the full cost of a project are accepted and considered. Other sources of funding must be reported.
5. Applications must include an evaluation feedback process to provide data on the outcomes of the project and the uses of the funds provided. **The evaluation submitted must use the form and format provided.**
6. Funds are awarded once in the year of approval. Congregations receiving a grant are expected to expend these funds within the next 12 calendar months. If a multi-year project involving a co-applicant is submitted, an extension for spending of the funds may be allowed if requested.
7. All decisions of the Wilson Fund Committee are final.
8. Please refer to the **Operations of the Wilson Fund** document for information on other aspects of Fund operations that do not directly affect this application.

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OR

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Applications must be received or post marked no later than April 1 (year)

2025 Application Form (approved June 13, 2024)

Bertha H. Wilson Family Trust Fund

Each application will need to relate the project or program to the criteria found in *Matthew 25:35-36 and/or Matthew 28:19-20* as the guiding principle, **and must explain how his/her project relates to these criteria in the description of the project/program.**

Limit your application to no more than three (3) pages!

Date of application:

Name of Applicant and/or Co-Applicant(s):

Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Contact Person and/or Persons in Charge of the Project or Program:

Telephone number(s):

Email address(es):

Does the applicant represent an IRS Tax Exempt Organization?: (Yes/No)

Name or Title of the Project or Program:

Amount of Funding Requested from the Wilson Fund?:

Total Cost of Completing the Proposed Project or Program?:

Proposed Starting and Ending Dates for the Project or Program?:

Briefly describe the project or Program: (Who will benefit from the project or program?;,Who will perform the work of the project or program (generalize)?;,Other sources of Funding and amount committed (if any)?):

Project or Program Evaluation must be completed at the end of the project or program: (see provided evaluation form)

Required Signatures (legible please):

Person in Charge of the Project or Program:

(Printed name) _____ (Signature) _____

Congregation Council President:

(Printed name) _____ (Signature) _____

Pastor of the Congregation: (unless in vacancy)

Printed name) _____ (Signature) _____

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Use this page for additional information that would not fit in the space provided.

BERTHA H. WILSON FUND EVALUATION FORM

PROJECT NUMBER AND TITLE:

PROJECT LEADER:

PLEASE EXPLAIN, WAS YOUR PROJECT SUCCESSFUL, WHY OR WHY NOT, AND HOW DID YOUR PROJECT FULFILL JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS IN MATTHEW 25:35-36 AND/OR MATTHEW 28:19-20.

IF YOU WERE TO DO THIS PROJECT AGAIN WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU MAKE, IF ANY?

HOW WERE THE GRANT FUNDS USED IN SUPPORT OF YOUR PROJECT AND WHAT WAS THE TOTAL COST OF YOUR PROJECT?
(A short breakdown is all that is requested)

HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST WITH YOUR PROJECT, AND, HOW WAS YOUR COMMUNITY IMPACTED? CAN YOU ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS IMPACTED?

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE END OF YOUR PROJECT OR BY JANUARY 31-of the year following the issuance of the grant.

Thank you very much for your feedback, the Bertha H. Wilson Fund committee.