

Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ

Catalyst Grant Application

Prior to submitting your proposal online, prepare your answers to these questions. The application software does not save partial applications, meaning you cannot come back later to finish a proposal. It has to be done all at one time. Prior to beginning your application, be sure you can answer all of these questions AND have a detailed project description (see item 15) AND a letter of support from your congregation's leadership team (see item 16) ready to be uploaded into the software.

Questions? Contact Mary Kuenning Gross at mgross@wcucc.org

Your Contact Information and Grant Request Amount

1. Name of Person Completing the Application
2. Your Role in the Congregation
3. Church Name
4. Church Mailing Address
5. Your email address and phone number
6. While we limit the grant to \$5000 per year, we ask that you consider carefully what you expect your project costs will be. We have received requests for shorter-term and/or community conversations for planned expenses that were well under the maximum limit. How much money are you requesting for your project? _____

Tell US About Your Project

7. Summarize the innovative project's goal or purpose in 20 words or less. What is the vision?
8. How many people are on your planning and implementation team for this project?
9. Catalyst has a strong preference for projects that represent partnerships between local congregations and their wider communities. Tell us about your project partners – who is involved in or supporting this project from the wider community?
10. How does this project speak to these stated priorities for project funding that the Catalyst Team has identified?
 - Building upon or initiating partnership efforts between congregations and their communities
 - Responding to the Wisconsin Conference's justice initiatives (Immigration, Racial Justice and Climate Change)
 - Empowering leaders to lead within congregations, communities and the conference
11. The Catalyst Team is open to funding a range of projects at a variety of levels. What percentage of this project will be funded by this Catalyst Grant?
12. What other sources for project support are you seeking? (i.e. additional grants, in-kind contributions, volunteer labor, etc.)

Note: The question numbers may vary for the following questions in the application. You will see the exact questions as you proceed in the online proposal application.

13. For ongoing projects or projects that will extend past one year regardless of start date:
Assuming your project succeeds in its initial development phase, describe your plan for sustainable funding beyond the initial Catalyst grant funds.
14. Are you interested in assistance with developing a financial sustainability plan for this project with Andrew Warner, Director of Development for the Wisconsin Conference?

Detailed Description of Your Congregation's Project

Prepare this detailed description of your congregation's project and a letter of support from the congregation's leadership team in a document that can be uploaded into the application software (a PDF or Word file).

Upload the two project documents – the detailed description and the letter from your congregation.

15. Upload a description of your congregation's project (no more than two pages please). In your narrative, be sure to help us understand the following:

- What is the project?
- What is the project timeline?
- How is the project innovative or experimental in your context?
- What risks are you taking?
- What is the anticipated impact of the project? Consider things like:
 - What will change in your community? What will be stronger, better, kinder or more just?
 - What % of your congregation or community do you hope will be touched by this effort?
 - What stories would you like to be told when this project is over?
- What are the obstacles you anticipate and how will you navigate them?

16. Upload a letter of support from your congregation's leadership team here.

Thank you, your grant application has been submitted and will receive careful consideration. Grant requests received by March 31 will be reviewed and responded to in early May. Grant requests received by September 30 will be reviewed and responded to in early November.

