

Change for Children

Grant Information and Guidelines

- Grants are available to support new and existing ministries with children from birth through age twelve and their families, especially families who are economically disadvantaged. Preference in 2021, are ministries that are virtual, hybrid, and/or includes an alternative plan if unable to meet in-person.
- **Priority consideration will be given to first time applicants for new ministries or enhancement of existing ministries** that not only funds program costs but builds relationships with children and their families in the community; includes children and families into the life of the congregation; and/or addresses the underlying justice issue(s).
- Grants are for direct program support (curriculum, volunteer training, services, food, transportation, etc...), not for construction or renovation of buildings or playgrounds. Consideration is given for grants requesting equipment, facility upgrades and/or technology that enhances the program and builds relationships with children and their families.
- Holston Conference churches, missional hubs, and related United Methodist agencies are eligible to apply for these funds.
- The *maximum* Program Grant is \$2500.
- No program grant will be made where the grant funds constitute more than 2/3 of the total program cost.
- **Grant applications are available at olston.org or upon request from the Holston Conference Office. Submit applications online or to the address below. Only completed grants with signatures and Safe Sanctuary Policy attached will be considered. Additional program information may be requested by the Children's Ministry Team before awarding grants.**
- Funds are granted twice yearly as funds are available. Application deadlines are **February 15** and **August 15. No Exceptions.** (Forms submitted after the deadline will automatically be considered in the next grant cycle.)
- Grant recipients will be notified in writing within 90 days of the deadline.
- Grant recipients may apply again in two years.
- If a grant is awarded, ***a written evaluation form is required.*** The evaluation form will be included with your award. Failure to complete the evaluation form will disqualify any future grant applications. We also ask you to post information and if possible, photos of the ministry on the Holston Conference Children's Ministry Facebook page.

Return application by February 15 or August 15 to:

Holston.org | Mail to Change for Children Holston Conference Center P. O. Box 850 Alcoa, TN 37701-0850 | FAX: 865-690-3162 | E-Mail:susangroseclose@holston.org

For more information call Charlotte Riggins or Susan Groseclose at 866-690-4080.

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Holston Conference

Children's Ministry

Change for Children Grant Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 15 or August 15

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

District _____ Church /Missional Hub _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Contact Name/Position _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Name of Project _____

Amount Requested _____

Is this a ___ **new** or ___ **existing** ministry?

If this is a new ministry, what is the proposed beginning date? _____

If this is an existing ministry, how will the grant expand this ministry? _____

Is this planned to be a ___ **short-term** or ___ **on-going** ministry?

Ages primarily to be served _____

Type of ministry to be funded by this grant: Please select the **primary** area(s) of ministry.

___ Adoptive/Foster Care Ministry

___ After-school program

___ Basic needs (food, clothing, etc.)

___ Child Care/Weekday Care

___ Christian Education

___ Community Outreach (takes place off church property)

___ Ministry to Children and Families who are Homeless

___ Mentoring

___ Ministry to children of prison inmates

___ Music

___ Weekly children's program (inclusive of Bible study, recreation, fellowship, etc.)

___ Worship

___ Other - please describe _____

Applicants should seek to meet these goals:

- Reflect the congregation or missional hub’s understanding of God’s call to respond to a need(s) of children and families in your community, especially to the annual conference’s current area of focus
- Build relationships with children and families in their communities
- Empower children and their parents or caregivers
- Emphasize inclusion of children and their families in the life of your congregation including but not limited to worship, faith development, missional, evangelism programming
- See children and their families as participants in ministry as well as recipients of ministry
- Responds to the needs for compassion and the underlying justice issues

Questions:

As you review the goals for Change for Children Grants as stated above, please respond to these two questions:

- How does this ministry respond to God’s call to respond to a need of children and families in your community; build relationships; empower and include children and families; and build God’s kingdom of compassion and justice in your particular community?
- What funding do you have and what other financial sources are you seeking?

Church / Missional Hub Profile (Last calendar year)

Total Membership/Churches _____ Average Attendance in Worship _____ Sunday School _____

How did your congregation or Missional Hub participate in collection of Change for Children?

Financial Profile of the ministry for which funds are requested:

Important: Attach a detailed copy of the Projected Budget for this ministry, *including all sources of income.*

Has your congregation or Missional Hub received funding from Change for Children Grant? _____

If so, what year? _____ Amount of grant? _____

Safe Sanctuaries Policy: Please attach a copy of your current Safe Sanctuaries policy.

Our Safe Sanctuary policy was last reviewed/updated on _____. (Date)

Failure to furnish a current policy (reviewed within the last year) will disqualify the application.

Signed _____
Pastor

Signed _____
Applicant/Contact

Signed _____
District Superintendent

Date _____