

CMC Outreach Commission

2018-2019 Matching Grant Guidelines

Our CMC goals call for us “to discover and join with what God is doing in our community.....because we are intentionally sitting at the table of the other.” Outreach Commission seeks to help CMC participate in outreach opportunities in the community by providing monetary support to members who initiate projects that benefit our community.

- Our Matching Grant program will match funds raised by a groups for **defined short term projects or needs in our community, or in organizations that serve our community, that may have a specific impact or outcome.**
- Projects may be proposed by groups of persons such as MYF, Sunday School classes, families, small groups, or interested individuals.
- Applications should be made to the Outreach Commission on a form available in the church office. Applications will include the name of the project, objectives and expected outcome of the project, name of a contact person, supporting persons or group, and amount requested.
- Applications for grants may be made at any time during the church fiscal year. Since the fiscal year ends June 30, applications for summer projects should be made before May 1 as it takes a month or more to process requests.
- The CMC spending plan reserves a block of funding for the Matching Grant program. The Outreach Commission will determine the amount of matching funds that are available for any given project. The maximum allocated for any given project will be 50% of the cost of the project.
- Matched funds should be raised within the group if possible. A broader church-wide appeal may be done with the approval of the Outreach Commission.
- Matching funds will be distributed after the group raises their portion.
- Contributions to an approved project should be made by check to CMC and designated for the specific project.
- Following completion of the project some form of reporting to the congregation is to be done. This may be in the form of a “God at Work” report on Sunday morning, an article in the CMC news magazine *Sing*, a Wednesday evening presentation, or a display in the hall. In the event that a public report of a project is not felt to be appropriate, a report to the Outreach Commission with recording in the commission’s minutes is acceptable.

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