

Did You Receive ODF Grant Funds?

The Foundation and Grant Committee are aware that COVID-19 has affected many church programs and ministries including those related to ODF 2020 grant funds. Several congregations expressed a need to reevaluate and repurpose their use of grant funds from the objectives and details originally outlined in their application.

Due to the unusual circumstances of social distancing and cancellations of many group activities and schools since March, the Grant Committee and ODF staff met to discuss this year's dilemma regarding spending grant monies. It was determined that churches still have great needs within their communities and the grant funds should be used to serve needs of those individuals or groups in ways similar to those outlined in original applications. Therefore, the Grant Committee has allowed deviations from the original application, *if approved prior to spending the funds*. An email went out to all grantees on August 31, 2020, outlining this information.

Following are some specifics for alternate uses of 2020 Grant Funds:

- Any modifications from the original application should still focus on making the greatest impact in the geographic community as previously outlined. Additionally, the grant monies are to be used as stipulated by the [endowment\(s\) funding](#) the grants. (For example: funds for children, youth and young adult programs should not be used to fund senior programs or ministries and vice versa; or, local outreach and mission for feeding school children could be modified to drive-by, carry-out meals for children and youth, or even purchase of school supply items or educational needs for the same group.)
- If the grant program or mission has been modified to use the grant funds to serve a need within a community, which aids a similar group and is close to the intent of the original application, a *short paragraph or maximum one-page proposal* should be emailed to grants@okdfd.org briefly outlining plan modifications. ODF staff has been authorized by the Grant Committee to review simplified proposals and return a quick response unless there are questions that need greater input from the Committee.
- If the grant event was cancelled, and is an annual event like summer church camp, International Affairs, Caminante, summer or holiday mission trip, and funds are being requested held for 2021 programming, these grant funds need to be returned to the Foundation as soon as possible. If the grantee requests, these grant monies will be held in "escrow" as a separate line item in the Foundation's money market account until they are needed for the 2021 event. *The grant entity may still apply for additional grant funds for the same or different program in 2021.*
- Grantees are required to submit a final grant report based on the metrics and budget submitted in the original application, noting any changes and outlining the expenditure of funds. **All final grant reports are due to ODF by Tuesday, December 15, 2020.** A Grant Financial Report Template is available to download from the Foundation's website at www.okdfd.org. This form may be used as a guideline or filled in for reporting.

A Creative and Effective Grant Program Modification

Westside Christian Church, Topeka, Kansas, was the recipient of an ODF grant to assist them with their Summer Peace Camp for elementary students within their church and community surrounding the church. The idea behind Peace Camp was to offer children an opportunity to experience a sense of community while learning to embrace diversity as well as teach children about caring and sharing with each other. Their hope was to make an impact on the children and teach them skills and techniques to learn empathy and non-violent means of dealing with conflict. Their goal was to help these children develop self-esteem and an acceptance of others.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Peace Camp was cancelled this year. In its place, West Side is offering free Advent kits to children in Topeka. The kits will simulate the Worship & Wonder format with focus around the Worship & Wonder 5-part Advent story. Each kit consists of five envelopes with instructions to open a particular envelope on a certain date during Advent. In addition, West Side will offer a video and activity for that day utilizing the envelope's contents. The instructions also explain the theme for that day's Advent and suggestions for sharing God's love with others during the coming week.

The kits are being offered to a neighboring elementary school as well as to children at a local homeless shelter and a local food pantry location. Kits will also be offered to children at the church and other children, as requested.

The Foundation holds one permanent endowment fund, "The Children, Youth and Young Adults Endowment," which benefits churches in Oklahoma as well as churches in Kansas. Donna Gilchrist, former Senior Minister at Northwest Christian Church, Oklahoma City, is the Pastor at West Side Christian Church in Topeka.

Need Technology Assistance? Register for "Worship Tech for Non-Techies"

The Foundation has collaborated with several Disciples to offer a brief Zoom seminar entitled, "Worship Tech for Non-Techies," on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Champeau (First Christian Church, Norman), Rev. Michael Davison (Associate Regional Minister) and Chuck Marshall (Southern Hills Christian Church, Edmond) will be panel leaders in an hour-long discussion on worship and streaming technology. This free session is open to all who pre-register for the event at www.okdfd.org.

Topics include: How to improve image and video quality • How to get good sound on your live-stream without spending a fortune • Streaming to multiple platforms at the same time (Facebook, YouTube, Twitch, etc.) • Pros and cons of live-streaming vs. pre-recording content • Other topics of interest to participants.





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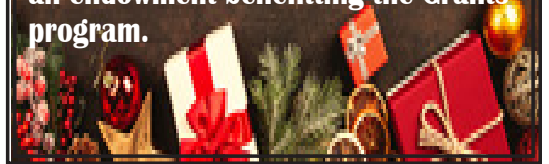
2020 Grant Recipient Missions & Programs

Mission /Program	Organization	Granted
Caminante Mission Scholarships	CCIO	\$2,000.00
Adult Swim Retreat	CCIO	\$750.00
Enid Welcome Table	CCC, Enid	\$4,000.00
Foster Care Ministry	CCC, Enid	\$1,500.00
Puno Peru Pronoei Schools	CCC, Enid	\$2,000.00
Foster Feet	CCC, Enid	\$750.00
Fruity Tuesday	Christian Church of the Covenant, Enid	\$3,000.00
Early Learning Lifetime Benefits	Crown Heights CC, OKC	\$1,000.00
Food Baskets for Elder Care	Disciples CC, Bartlesville	\$650.00
Lunch Bunch	FCC, El Reno	\$1,000.00
Kindred Community El Reno	FCC, El Reno	\$2,000.00
Canadian County Long Term Recovery	FCC, El Reno	\$2,000.00
Thankful Fest	FCC, Guthrie	\$500.00
Community Feeding Program	FCC, Healdton	\$5,000.00
Agape Program: Food Ministry & Clothes Closet	FCC, Lawton	\$1,500.00
Infant/Toddler Project/Living Room Space	FCC, Stillwater	\$1,000.00
Faithful Followers	FCC, Stroud	\$2,867.61
The Landing	FCC, Sulphur	\$2,000.00
Hands & Feet: Feeding the Hungry Experience	FCC, Topeka, KS	\$2,000.00
Bridging the Gap	FCC, Chandler	\$894.70
Circle of Faith	FCC, Luther	\$1,500.00
Eastern Oklahoma County Homeless	FCC, Midwest City	\$500.00
The Meal	First Christian Presbyterian, Pryor	\$5,000.00
Family Promise of Tulsa County	Forest Park CC, Tulsa	\$2,000.00
Life Adult Day Center	FCC Stillwater	\$10,000.00
Christmas for Others	Midwest Blvd CC, Midwest City	\$2,000.00
Haven High School Breakfast	New Covenant CC, OKC	\$2,000.00
Northwest Area Pastor's Retreat	NW Area of CCIO	\$1,200.00
Leave No Child Behind	Oklahoma Disciples Men (ODM)	\$5,000.00
Food Sustainable Garden Project	Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center	\$1,500.00
Summer Science Camp	Riverside CC, Wichita, KS	\$500.00
Building Healthy Families & Strong Communities	Shepherd Street CC, Chickasha	\$1,500.00
Creating Successful Aging (Knowledge & Social)	Simplicity CC, OKC	\$3,000.00
Every Kind of Bird	Simplicity CC, OKC	\$2,000.00
Weekend Breakfast Program	Southern Hills CC, Edmond	\$894.69
Peace Camp	West Side CC, Topeka, KS	\$675.00
Quilts for Foster Children	Western Oaks CC, OKC	\$1,000.00
Doctorate of Ministry Grant	Western Oaks CC, OKC	\$1,000.00
Western Oaks CC 23rd Street Alliance Program	Western Oaks CC, OKC	\$1,500.00
Kitchen Equipment Update for Healthy Food	Wildewood CC, OKC	\$5,945.00
Safety First Kitchen Wiring Plumbing Updates	Wildewood CC, OKC	\$4,000.00
Leadership Responses to Society's Issues	Yale Ave CC, Tulsa	\$1,000.00
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020		\$90,127.00

Thankful for Your Gifts

Your gifts help the work of the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation to provide perpetual funding for the missions, ministry and grants for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Churches in Oklahoma.

This year, please consider a gift to an endowment benefitting the Grants program.



2021 Grant Application/Guidelines and a 2020 Grant Financial Reporting Template are available at www.okdfd.org.

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\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

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Disciple Club supporting ODF Operations.

Named Endowment Fund as listed below:

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