



UNITED CHURCH of Marco Island

Guidelines for Grant Application

The Missions Committee of United Church of Marco Island acts as the heart and hands of the congregation in supporting agencies in the Collier County area that minister to the needs of the hungry, ill, indigent, dispossessed, and disadvantaged individuals and families in our midst. We accept applications throughout the year and provide the following guidelines for organizations:

PURPOSE:

Each proposal we receive will be evaluated on:

1. Potential value to the local community (Marco Island) specifically and Collier County in general;
2. The amount of available funds;
3. How the funds will be applied to the described project.

ELIGIBILITY:

The Missions Committee supports a wide range of projects and gives preference to:

1. Faith-based non-profits
2. Previous recipients with whom the United Church has developed an ongoing relationship
3. Non-profits, whose credentials, including 990's and annual reports, are in order
4. Non-profits in the Collier County area or are near enough for:
 - a. Committee visits
 - b. Developing relationships
 - c. Providing opportunities for our congregation to serve personally
5. Organizations that do not duplicate the services of existing recipients

SCOPE OF FUNDING:

The Missions Committee supports programs in the arts and culture, education environment, health and human services, and community development.

The Committee does NOT generally fund:

1. Grants to individuals or scholarly research
2. Debt retirement and budget deficits
3. General Operating Expenses or Capital campaigns
4. Capital expenditures
5. Endowments or private schools
6. Advertising or Marketing
7. Political organizations or campaigns

The Committee receives more requests than it can support and makes decisions based on relative need and potential impact on the community.

Annual Grant Requests must be submitted by close of business on November 30 each year.