

Presbytery of Arkansas
The Mission of the Church Ministry Area

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNIFIED MISSION EMPHASIS BUDGET

1. The purpose of funding from the Unified Mission Emphasis portion of the Mission of the Church Ministry Area budget – “Ministry to the Most Vulnerable in our Society” in 2019-2021 -- is to assist congregations of the Presbytery of Arkansas in proclaiming the love of Christ beyond their church’s walls.
2. A request to the Mission of the Church Ministry Area should include a written proposal, no longer than two pages, detailing:
 - a. the need or needs the Session wants to address and the amount of funding requested;
 - b. a brief description of the goals of the project and how the funds requested will be used;
 - c. total estimated costs, and other sources of funding that are committed or have been applied for;
 - d. a copy of the budget for the project;
 - e. Session-designated contact for the project, including name, address, telephone number and email address,
 - f. the date the Session approved the request,
 - g. name of the church’s treasurer to whose attention the check made out to the church should be sent.
3. The Ministry Area’s budget is limited, and requests of more than \$1,000 are generally not approved. However, there may be occasions when a larger amount could be granted:
 - a. if the church can make a case for it, and
 - b. if they have made a good-faith effort to secure other funds but are still short of their goal.
4. The Mission of the Church Ministry Area will give priority to requests where:
 - a. the Session and members of the requesting church are addressing this need with their own gift or gifts;
 - b. other sources of funding beyond the congregation have been secured or are being sought.
5. Please note that part of the mission of the Future of the Church Ministry Area is to “*Assist churches to re-develop their mission and ministry*” and to “*Assist congregations seeking funding or grants*” to help in that process. The mission of that ministry area and this one are somewhat similar but are not the same, and it may be that a request to that ministry area would be more appropriate.
6. The Mission of the Church Ministry Area will act on requests as soon as possible after receiving them, and will notify the church of their decision within 30 days of receiving them.

