

FAQs

What is the purpose of the Mini-Grant program?

The program will allow Soapstone's Missions Committee to understand better what missions Soapstone UMC members are passionate about.

Which organizations can receive the money?

A non-profit organization that practices hospitality in a Christian Community.

What is a "small group"?

A small group is three or more members of Soapstone UMC who come together to share in worship, learn, fellowship or service. Examples of small group are Sunday School class, bible study group, supper club.

Does the group have to be previously connected or involved with the non-profit organization?

No, the group does have to previously been connected or involved with the non-profit organization.

How much money will be granted at a time?

Soapstone UMC will match dollar for dollar up to \$250 to a group each year. Soapstone will disburse up to a total of \$1,500 each year. For the first year, the time frame will be from October 2023 to February 2024. After that, the year will run from March to February.

Where do I find the Mini-Grant Application?

The application is located at [Soapstone-UMC-Donation-Matching-Application.pdf \(soapstoneumc.org\)](#)

Where do I return a completed application?

Return the completed application to Pastor Jon Tschanz. The applications will be reviewed by a subgroup of the Missions Committee.

Do I need to wait for approval before I ask my small group to support the mission I want to support?

If your small group wants to support the mission, then you should begin getting support. The purpose of the mini grant program is for the Mission Committee to learn which organizations a small group is passionate about. Theoretically, the small group will want to support the organization regardless of Soapstone's support.

What does the small group do with the money it collects before giving the money to the organization?

The small group will collect and hold the funds. When the small group is ready to disburse the funds to the receiving organization, Soapstone will issue a check for the matching amount to the receiving organization. The small group will be responsible for disbursing to the receiving organization the money it collects and the matching amount from Soapstone.