



# CARMA MOHLER FUND TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER GRANT CRITERIA

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...for I was hungry and you gave me food....

Matthew 25:35

Carma Mohler established this fund because she had a passion for feeding the hungry and wanted to alleviate the problem of hunger. The Iowa United Methodist Foundation seeks applications from United Methodist-affiliated groups or nonprofit organizations based in Iowa that are addressing hunger through systemic interventions or programs providing immediate relief from hunger.

## **Guidelines:**

Priority will go to projects that provide a systemic intervention, such as:

- Community gardening
- Food or cooking education, such as eating healthy on a budget
- Other food-related projects that reap benefits beyond the term of the project.

Other eligible applications include:

- Food distribution, including pantries
- Meal programs

Projects should target hunger in Iowa or internationally. The Iowa United Methodist Foundation places priority on projects that encourage community participation and response to hunger in a particular area with a volunteer or grassroots approach, and to projects where a small grant can provide a significant impact on the project budget.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

Generally, the Iowa United Methodist Foundation will only fund projects that are affiliated with the Iowa United Methodist Church. Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit organizations (generally those with a historic connection to the UMC)
- Church groups, including youth groups or social concerns committees
- Informal community groups that work through a United Methodist Church or a nonprofit organization for purposes of the project.

**Organizations may not receive funding from the Carma Mohler Fund to Alleviate Hunger Grant more than two consecutive years.**

**Applications:** Open July 1 through October 1 Annually

**Notifications:** Mailed in November Annually

**Funding Begins:** February 1 Annually

**Grants:** typically range from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

**Late or incomplete application packets cannot be considered by the Foundation.**

**Please submit completed application packets post marked no later than October 1 annually to:**

Iowa United Methodist Foundation | 2301 Rittenhouse Street | Des Moines, IA 50321

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