
Carma Mohler GRANTS

The logo for Carma Mohler GRANTS features the name 'Carma Mohler' in a red, cursive font at the top. Below it, the word 'GRANTS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Each letter of 'GRANTS' is filled with a different photograph related to food and community: 'G' shows a garden, 'R' shows a person's hands, 'A' shows a person's hands, 'N' shows a person's hands, 'T' shows a person's hands, and 'S' shows a person's hands. A small orange circle with the words 'DONATION BOX' is located at the bottom right of the 'S'.

Recipients:

1. Union Park UMC—Des Moines—Monthly Manna Meals

Church provides a meal once per month to community around Union Park. In 2020, they fed up to 344 people per month, offering carry out and drive-thru options. Funds will be used for food, containers and condiments.

2. Embury UMC—Donnellson—Backpack Ministry

Volunteers fill backpacks with food to try and feed a child's family for a week. They are currently serving 60 kids in grades K-12. Funds will be used to purchase food.

3. Olin UMC—Olin—Food Pantry

This food pantry helps fill the gaps in food that the local convenience store cannot provide. They were recently able to buy a freezer and refrigerator and are now able to offer perishable items. Funds will be used to purchase a larger variety of food for the families they serve.

4. First UMC—Creston—Food Pantry

They purchase most of their food from the Food Bank of Iowa. Grant money will be used to buy things not available through them, especially fresh foods for their new walk-in cooler including fruits, vegetables, milk and dairy.

5. Calvary UMC—Ames—Food Pantry

This pantry started over 25 years ago and serves Ames and Story County. During the pandemic they had an influx of food insecurity and served over 210 families in the first half of 2021. Their current refrigerator's compressor is failing so these funds will be used to buy a new one.

6. St. Paul's UMC—Cedar Rapids—Neighborhood Meal Enrichment Program

This ministry provides nutritious lunches during the summer when free and reduced meals are not available through schools. This coming year they are expanding to provide meals to entire families, keeping the families together and hopefully allowing them to eat meals together. Funds will be used to purchase meals for the 2022 summer months.

7. Wesley UMC—Vinton—Food Pantry

This is a food pantry along with a garden where they serve anyone in need in the community. Funds will be used to purchase eggs, milk, meat, canned goods, cereal and toiletries including soap, toilet paper and toothpaste.

8. Asbury UMC—Bettendorf—Ecumenical Garden

This garden, which began over 20 years ago, provides fresh vegetables to local food pantries, meal sites, homeless shelters and needy families. The church leveled 500+ of their tomato cages, so funds will go to purchase metal stakes to support the cages as well as compost to make the soil more fertile.

9. New Hope UMC—Des Moines—Hand of Luke

Hand of Luke provides an evening meal on the 14th of each month to around 250 people. They make the meal at the church and then transport it and serve it at the Central Iowa Shelter & Services. Grant money will be used to purchase steam pans to more effectively transport the hot foods.

10. Anamosa UMC—Anamosa—Lunches for Youth

Volunteers pack a weekend backpack for students to take home during the school year to make sure kids have food when they're not at school. Funds provided will help purchase food items.

11. Immanuel UMC—Des Moines—Little Free Food Pantry

This is a free, outdoor pantry that is open all hours of the day. In the past it was stocked by donations from church members and anonymous neighbors, but they are noticing it to be empty more and more often. With the grant they want to be able to purchase food that is available in bulk and sustainable outdoors.