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# UUMF Food GRANT

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## *Recipients:*

### **1. Coralville UMC—Coralville—Food Pantry Renovation**

Previously operated out of the post office, this ministry is looking to help renovate the Coralville UMC kitchen and use it as their base of operations. This is a big step in the future launch of their “Eat Together Coralville” hot meal program. Funds will be used to update oven and dishwasher.

### **2. Sheridan Park UMC—Des Moines—SPUM Garden**

This community garden is over a quarter of an acre with 17 plots of 400 square feet. The plots are rented by church members or given to refugee families in the neighborhood. Each plot owner contributes to the water bill along with maintaining their plot and harvesting produce for personal use and donation. The funds will be used to purchase sturdier supplies such as rakes and shovels as well as a contractor-grade hose.

### **3. First UMC—Marion—Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY)**

First UMC is partnered with five other churches in Marion and together they serve around 400 lunches each day to children in the community without regular access to meals. Funds provided will be used to purchase kid-friendly, nutritious foods.

### **4. Epworth UMC—Epworth—Backpacks for Hunger**

In cooperation with the school district, this ministry identifies needs of students when school is not in session. They put together backpacks to provide snacks and meals to feed the entire family, with a goal of each bag providing a main dish, fruit, vegetable, snack and breakfast item. Funds will be used to purchase food.