

# **GRANT APPLICATION**

## **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO**

### **RACIAL JUSTICE ENDOWMENT**

The First United Methodist Church of San Diego is soliciting grant applications for its **2025 Racial Justice Grants Cycle**. The Racial Justice Grants Committee will be recommending grants **totaling at least \$36,000 (up to \$15,000 per grantee)** for organizations that actively promote racial justice in San Diego County. Grants will be awarded to organizations working in the following focus area:

#### **Addressing Basic Immediate Needs, Including but not limited to Food, Clothing, and Emergency Shelter**

Application materials must be submitted **by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025** to be considered for the 2025 Grant Cycle. Complete applications will include:

1. Completed grant application (This Form)
2. Proof of 501c3 Tax-exempt status or fiscal sponsorship
3. Annual operating budget, or project budget if request funds for a specific project

All organizations applying must meet at least the Basic Eligibility requirements specified in the Grantmaking Criteria. Priority will be given to organizations meeting one or more of the Priority Eligibility criteria.

#### **Basic Eligibility—Organizations must meet all the following basic criteria to be considered for a grant from the Racial Justice Endowment Fund:**

1. Provide data confirming at least 75% of those served are People of Color **AND/OR** engage in non-violent advocacy for specific local or state policy changes that directly benefit communities of color in San Diego County.
2. Be registered as or fiscally sponsored by a 501c3 organization located in the county of San Diego.
3. Have publicly available or be willing to share compelling evidence of success in meeting your established mission.
4. Agree to utilize all grant funds within 1 year of receipt.
5. Agree to provide a written narrative report (template to be supplied) of the use of grant funds within 1 year of receipt of funds.

#### **Priority Eligibility—Highest priority will be given to organizations also meeting the following criteria:**

1. Have appointed a majority of People of Color and/or women to executive leadership roles and board of directors.
2. Include current service recipients, program alumni and/or community members in decision-making processes, either as board members, staff, or an advisory council.
3. Explicitly serve communities experiencing multiple, intersecting challenges and discrimination (i.e., LGBTQ People of Color, Indigenous Women, Disabled Latinx Veterans, etc.).
4. Have volunteer opportunities for First Church members to join in your work.
5. Be willing to have a representative from your organization share your work with our worshipping community.

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**Organization Information:**

**Legal Organization Name:**

**Federal Tax-ID (EIN):**

**Legal Name of Fiscal Sponsor (if any):**

**Mailing Address:**

**Street:**

**City, State ZIP:**

**Website (if applicable):**

**Organization Contact Information:**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Organization Mission Statement (250 words or less):**

**Basic Eligibility** – Please share how your organization serves at least 75% Black, Indigenous and other People of Color in San Diego County AND/OR engages in non-violent advocacy for specific local or state policy changes that directly benefit communities of color in San Diego County. Please include any metrics and evidence of success achieving your mission, where possible. **(350 words or less):**

**Priority Eligibility** – Please share how your organization meets any of the Priority Criteria: BIPOC/women in leadership, client/community member input, intersectional service recipients, volunteer opportunities, willing to speak to congregation. **(350 words or less):**

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**Grant Request Information**

**Amount Requested (\$0 - \$15,000):**

**What is your intended use for funds? (250 words or less):**

**Please share how your work addresses the 2025 Grant Cycle focus area of Addressing Basic Immediate Needs. (500 words or less):**

**If your organization previously received grant funds from the Racial Justice Endowment, please report briefly about the use of those funds and their advancement of your mission. If not, please say N/A. (350 words or less):**

**Application Submission:** To be considered for the 2025 Grant Cycle, all application materials must be received by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**. Interviews with finalists will take place in September, and final funding determinations will be made by November. For any questions regarding the grants or applications, please use the contact information below.

Please submit your application via web form at <https://www.fumcsd.org/connect/missions/racial-justice-grants-at-first-umc-san-diego/> along with a proof of 501c3 status and a current organizational or project operating budget. If you would like to request a document in Word format to fill out and return via email or paper mail, please contact:

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