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## **Local Church Seeks Proposals to Fund Community Projects**

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The Community Needs Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG) is again seeking proposals from the local community for projects that promote social justice or community empowerment, especially (but not exclusively) in Northwest Philadelphia.

The proposals selected will benefit from the Church's special Easter Offering. All proposals are welcome and are reviewed by a committee of church members. Selection criteria include the size of the population to be served, the nature of the services provided, and expected benefits to the community.

FUMCOG expects to make several awards of several hundred to a few thousand dollars.

Grants from previous Easter and Christmas collections have been awarded on a nondenominational basis to a diverse group of applicants for a wide variety of causes. Contributions to last Christmas' offering were used to help the legal clinic operated by an agency that serves homeless Germantowners, a newly forming Cub Scout pack, an interfaith coalition against gun violence, and a "church without walls" that serves homeless persons along the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

Application forms are available by calling the office of First United Methodist Church of Germantown at (215) 438-3677, or downloading a form online at [www.fumcog.org](http://www.fumcog.org).

Completed proposals must be returned to the church office at 6001 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19144 no later than Monday, March 6. A copy of the applicant's 501(c)(3) certification, if any, should be included with the application. Selected recipients will be notified of their selection by April 1.