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**October 20, 2022 For Immediate Release**

**Local Church Announces Community Grants;**

**Seeks Proposals to Fund Additional Projects**

Face to Face Germantown, Heeding God’s Call, Life Turning Point of Germantown, Prisoner Visitation and Support, and Women Against Abuse shared a special Easter Offering of $9,100 contributed by the congregation of First United Methodist Church of Germantown (FUMCOG).

The Church’s Community Needs Committee is seeking new proposals from the local community for projects that promote social justice or community empowerment, especially (but not exclusively) in Northwest Philadelphia. Grants in recent years have ranged from $500 to $4,150.

FUMCOG’s members celebrate each Christmas and Easter by making a special offering for community needs. All proposals for the 2022 Christmas Offering are welcome now until November 10, 2022. They will be reviewed by a committee of church members, who will make decisions based on the size of the population to be served, the nature of the services provided, and expected benefits to the community.

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 or fumcog1@gmail.com no later than noon, Thursday, November 10. 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 December 1, and funds will be disbursed in January 2023.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN**

**Support Application Form**

**Community Needs Committee**

**SUBMIT BY November 10, 2022, noon**

Organization Name:

Address:

Phone: Day: Evening:

Director/President: Contact:

1. Amount of Request:

2. Purpose of organization and brief summary of goals:

3. Program description for funding request:

1. What need does the program address?
2. List specific goals and objectives of the program.
3. Describe how the program will function, including the method used.
4. What means of evaluating the outcome will be used?

4. How does this program fit into your overall agency operations? Indicate whether this is time-limited or an ongoing project. If ongoing, how will it be funded in the future?

5. Additional comments: tell us anything else we should know in reviewing this proposal.

6. Program Budget

 A. Personnel expenses: Specify Positions $

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 Total personnel:

 B. Other Expenses: Itemize, specifying amounts of each

 Total Program Budget:

 C. Other Sources of funding for this project:

 Source: Amount Already Secured Proposed

7. Attachments:

 a. Copy of most recent annual report or brochure,

 b. Total operating budget,

c. List of Board of Directors,

d. IRS Section 501(c)(3) letter.

**Application Due Noon, November 10, 2022.** Selected beneficiaries will be notified by December 1, and funds will be distributed in January.