

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

Board of Christian Outreach Funds Request Form

The Board of Christian Outreach administers on behalf of the congregation the money budgeted and donated for the needs of the Madison area community as well as needs of statewide, national and global concern. BOCO does its own research to select recipient organizations, but Lake Edge members can also suggest organizations to receive funding. BOCO makes the final decision and must make difficult choices among many good causes. BOCO grants money only to organizations, not to individuals. Grants typically range from \$25 to \$500.

Note: If you're using Microsoft Word to fill out this form, use "tab" to jump from one blank to the next, or click in the upper left corner of any box to start typing.

About You

Your name:

Your e-mail address:

Your phone number:

About the Organization

Name (to which we'll write our check):

Note: Please take the time to make sure you have the full official name correct. Use the name of the organization that will actually receive the funds. Avoid nicknames, acronyms, outdated and subsidiary names. This is the information we will use to make out our check.

A contact person's name or title:

E-mail for the contact person:

Phone number for the contact person:

Mailing address to send our check:

Any special instructions for writing our check?

What does this organization do? Briefly summarize the organization's basic purpose in your own words. You can also attach a brochure or page from the website or other documentation that summarizes the organization's purpose.

What specifically are you requesting funds for? For example, tell us if there's a particular project or section of this organization you're recommending for funding, or tell us if there is a particularly urgent need for funding at this time. You can also attach additional materials, such as a page from the website or an article from the organization's newsletter about a special project, funding shortage, etc.

BOCO Funds Allocation Guidelines

The Board of Christian Outreach of the Lake Edge United Church of Christ seeks out and supports ways in which members of our church can be of service to those in need through use of our time, talents and treasure. We are dedicated to responding to human need here and throughout the world as described in Matthew 25:31-46. This passage tells us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless and visit the sick and lonely. Our actions as individuals and as members of Christ's church must aim to close the gap between what is and what ought to be in a real and substantial way.

In making decisions about how to use the money donated by the members of Lake Edge through the annual budget and through various contributions during the year, the Board has established these priorities.

- *We will try to address needs that are local without ignoring our obligations to the wider world of the state, nation and globe.*
 - *We will give preference to organizations that may be less in the limelight, that don't have other major sources of funding or whose funding cycle is out of season.*
 - *We will give serious consideration to helping projects that have some direct connection to members of Lake Edge U.C.C.*
 - *We will give serious consideration to helping projects that seem to fit well with the way we understand the message of Christ to care for others.*
 - *We will not give money directly to individuals. Disbursements will be to organizations that are set up to make determinations of individual need.*
 - *We give particular attention to requests that come from organizations that serve the immediate Lake Edge neighborhood.*
 - *We generally prefer to fund established organizations but will consider programs which are just getting started.*
 - *We have a particular interest in helping meet the needs for food and shelter in the Dane County area.*
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Take a moment to review the BOCO Funds Allocation Guidelines above. Briefly state why you think this funding request is a good fit for the BOCO priorities.