



FUNDING & OTHER RESOURCES

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Besides people, an organization needs funds to run and be sustainable. Training and material resources are also a necessity.

- FUNDING -

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Look to corporate sponsors for funding. Most corporations, both local and national, have funds available for charitable contributions so that they may both help local agencies and boost their public image. Ask a local business if their company has a foundation, and if so, get the contact information for that group. Not only do businesses offer money, but many also provide goods or services.

The following have been known to assist agencies within Arkansas. Consider these companies when in need of assistance with your program:

Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock	PepsiCo
Bad Boy Mowers, Batesville	Performance Foodservice, Little Rock
Bell & Company, North Little Rock	Quattlebaum, Grooms & Tull PLLC, Little Rock
Ben E. Keith, Co., Little Rock	Relyance Bank, Little Rock
Capital Business Machines, Little Rock	Right at Home, Hot Springs Village & NE Ark.
First Electric Cooperative, Little Rock	Southeastrans, Inc., Little Rock
Flowers Bakery, Little Rock	Unilever, Jonesboro

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of any community relief effort. Not only does it provide needed capital, but it also raises awareness and, many times, brings volunteers to your organization. When planning fundraisers, think outside of the box. Unusual and original ideas are often the most successful. For example, a motorcycle ride fundraiser in North Central Arkansas which raised \$3700. Don't forget your local businesses - ask if they can donate a gift-card to be used for a raffle.

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GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program will reimburse organizations that provide nutritious meals and snacks to children. This includes weekend and after-school programs. Get more information at www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/child-and-adult-care-food-program.

The Summer Food Service program of the USDA will assist with the cost of food provided during the summer school break. Visit www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp.

LOYALTY PROGRAMS

Through their Community Rewards program, Kroger will give an organization money for every purchase made by a supporter. Sign up for the program at www.kroger.com/communityrewards.

TITHING

Consider asking your church finance board if part of your church's tithe can go toward hunger ministries. Living Waters United Methodist Church in Centerton, AR tithes to their food pantry from their tithes - giving 10% of the church's overall tithe to this ministry.

- GRANTS -

There are a large number of organizations and foundations that give grants to non-profits. Trying to find a match can be daunting, and knowing how to apply for grants, in some cases, is critical.

GRANT ASSISTANCE AGENCIES

Several websites offer the ability to search for grants by category, organization type, and other criteria. Others provide assistance with grant writing and other tips on securing funds. Some of these helpful sites are listed here.

21ST CENTURY GRANTS

The organization does not provide grants itself, but it's staff of professional consultants and grant writers will assist in securing funding for after-school, weekend, or summer programming. Go to www.21stCenturyGgrants.com for more information.

AMERICA'S GOT GRANTS - FAITH BASED GRANTS

Faith-based ministries that hold of 501(c)3 can often qualify for grants from government or private entities. America's Got Grants provides helpful advice on how to search out and secure grants based on your need. See www.AmericasGotGrants.Com/Faith-Based-Grants.php.

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CATALOGUE OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA)

This free online listing contains the most current faith-based grants available. You can search by either keyword or type of funding desired. Visit www.CFDA.Gov.

FOUNDATION CENTER

The "Foundation Directory" lists more than 100,000 donors and grant-making organizations in the U.S. You may subscribe to the on-line directory at <http://FoundationCenter.Org> or view it free at the Central Arkansas Library System in Little Rock, the South Arkansas Community College Library in El Dorado, the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, or the Fayetteville Public Library.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The U.S. Government offers a wide array of grants. Selecting the Browse Categories tab currently showed 155 grants available within the area of Food and Nutrition. By selecting Browse Eligibilities and then selecting the Food and Nutrition category, it was found that 129 of those grants are specifically for non-profit organizations. For a complete list see www.Grants.Gov.

GRANTSMANSHIP CENTER, THE

The center (www.TGCI.com) provides resources on grant writing as well as listing funding sources by state, including the top grant-making foundations, corporate program, and community foundations at www.tgci.com/funding-sources/arkansas.

GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES

Many organizations, some based in Arkansas, have grant money available. Be sure to read the criteria for obtaining a grant carefully, meet all deadlines, and keep a copy of all materials you submit.

AMERICORP - CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Grants for organizations who believe in service as a way to solve local issues are available from AmeriCorp (www.NationalService.Gov). For current funding opportunities, see www.NationalService.Gov/Build-Your-Capacity/Grants.

ARKANSAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Since 1976, the 27 member affiliate organizations of the Arkansas Community Foundation have given more than \$120 million in grants to improve local communities through agencies who strive to improve social and economic conditions. Contact the Arkansas Community Foundation at (501) 372-1116 or toll-free at (888) 220-2723 or visit www.ARCF.Org to locate your nearest affiliate. Some examples of grant awards include:

- **The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance** received an \$8000 Delta Endowment for Building

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Community Grant to increase access to healthy food for low income families in the region.

- **Local United Methodist Churches** in the northeast part of Arkansas have received grants from the Twin Lakes Community Foundation affiliate.

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 200KREASONS INITIATIVE

Periodically, the 200KReasons Initiative (www.200Kreasons.ARUMC.Org) will have funds available for small grants up to \$2500 for ministries that demonstrate the following priorities:

1. New ministries designed to reduce hunger in children in Arkansas underserved counties (*Ashley, Chicot, Izard, Lafayette, Montgomery, Newton, Prairie, Searcy, Sharp, and Stone*).
2. Projects that partner with local United Methodist churches or ministries.
3. Projects that engage the mission field of the local United Methodist Church.
4. Projects that demonstrate cooperation and shared resources between partners within communities.
5. Projects that sustain existing feeding ministries, public witness, and education.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DHS has funds available for programs within Arkansas. One such grant is the Community Services Block Grants. Call (501) 682-1001 for more information on funding and grant opportunities or visit <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dco/Pages/CommunityServicesBlockGrants.aspx>.

ARKANSAS HUNGER RELIEF ALLIANCE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

The Alliance awards grants up to \$5,000 to member organizations in February of each year. Applications are due in mid-January, and funds must be spent by the end of June. Contact the Alliance at (501) 399-9999 or www.ARHungerAlliance.Org about becoming a member and applying for a grant for your hunger ministry.

ARKANSAS STATE LEGISLATURE

In the fall of 2015, each member of the Arkansas legislature will have \$2000 to spend as they wish. Contact your local representative to tap into this discretionary money. Go to www.ArkansasHouse.Org/About-the-House/District-Map to find out who your representatives are and how to contact them.

BLUE AND YOU FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHIER ARKANSAS

The foundation, part of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, hopes to improve the health of Arkansans, and thereby reduce medical costs, through awards of approximately \$2 million in grants each year to nonprofit organizations. To qualify, an organization must demonstrate that it's activities have a positive effect on the health of Arkansans. See www.blueandyoufoundationarkansas.org/ for more information and grant applications.

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ENTERGY

Entergy offers several opportunities for grants. Entergy's Open Grants Program are awarded to agencies that help bring health to families, especially children, with applications being accepted on an ongoing basis. The Entergy Micro Grant is for requests up to \$1,000, and are accepted on an ongoing basis. For areas of low income, the Entergy Charitable Foundation Grants are available twice a year. Allow 3 months for funding. See www.energy.com/csr/giving.aspx for details.

FRUEAUFF FOUNDATION, CHARLES A.

The Frueauff Foundation (www.Frueauff.Org), based in Little Rock, awards non-profits who seek to improve the lives of people in need within their communities. The foundation also offers a Resource Room filled with materials to assist non-profits achieve sustainability. For information, see "How/When to Apply" on the website.

NO KID HUNGRY - COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS

Grants are typically given out twice a year. Spring grants are specifically for funding summer meals and all other grants are available in the early summer. Organizations can qualify for both types of grants. Go to www.nokidhungry.org/solution/community-investments for details.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, WINTHROP

The Rockefeller Foundation (www.WRFoundation.Org) gives grants to organizations that seek to increase prosperity by moving families above the poverty line or those that help with the Moving the Needle goals of the foundation. To see if you qualify and to apply, visit www.wrfoundation.org/how-we-work/grants/apply-for-funding.

STURGIS FOUNDATION

The Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust offers grants to agencies in Arkansas and Texas through Bank of America Philanthropic Solutions, acting as a trustee or agent for the foundation. To apply or for more details, visit www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/overview.go.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY , THE

In order to promote social justice ministries, the board offers grants to local churches as well as organization. For more information on grant offerings from the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church, see <http://UMC-GBCS.Org/Conference-Connections>. Among the grant offerings are:

- **Ethnic Local Church Grants:** For projects where the majority of served are racial/ethnic persons, 2 grants are awarded - the March funds have an application deadline of January 10, and October funds have a deadline of August 10. Go to http://UMC-GBCS.Org/content/articles/2013-2016EthnicLocalChurchGrants_application_1.pdf for a copy of the application.

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- **Human Relations Day Grants:** 2 grants are awarded - the March funds have an application deadline of January 10, and October funds have a deadline of August 10 - to programs which serve non-violent youth offenders that have been developed in partnership with a United Methodist church. The application is online at: http://UMC-GBCS.Org/content/articles/2013-2016_Human_Relations_Day_Grant_Application_1.pdf
- **Peace with Justice Grants.** Up to \$5000 may be awarded each year during the spring. Deadline for applying is January 10. The grant application can be found at: http://UMC-GBCS.Org/content/grant_applications/2012-2016_Peace_with_Justice_Grant_Application_doc.pdf

UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS (UMFA)

The UMFA may provide grants for feeding ministries. For example, in August, 2015, a \$40,000 grant was awarded to Harrisburg First United Methodist Church and Arkansas State University Wesley Foundation for the purchase of a van to start a mobile food pantry and to supplement backpack programs at several schools in Harrisburg. For more information, contact the foundation at (501) 664-8632 or www.UMFA.Org.

WALMART FOUNDATION (*WALMART AND SAM'S CLUBS*)

With a strong belief in giving back and a primary focus on helping low-income people live better, the WalMart Foundation gave over \$1.4 billion globally in contributions in 2014 alone. Nationwide during the summer of 2015, seven nonprofits received \$15.5 million in grants for summer meal programs.

One Arkansas award recipient was the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance who received a \$150,000 grant to support their hunger programs as well as a Northwest Arkansas Giving program grant for \$37,872 for the school breakfast programs in Fayetteville and Lincoln - both in Washington County.

For more information on the WalMart Foundation, visit <http://Foundation.Walmart.Com>. The grant programs offered by the foundation include:

- **Community Giving Program:** Local non-profits may receive up to \$2,500 through this program. <http://Foundation.Walmart.Com/apply-for-grants/local-giving-guidelines>
- **National Giving Program:** National organizations or organizations who are ready to proceed nationally may receive a grant award starting at \$250,000. <http://Foundation.Walmart.Com/apply-for-grants/national-giving-guidelines>
- **Northwest Arkansas Giving Program:** Agencies in Walmart's home area of Benton or Washington Counties may apply for grants starting at \$10,000. <http://Foundation.Walmart.Com/apply-for-grants/northwest-arkansas-giving-program>
- **State Giving Program:** Organizations operating within a state may qualify for \$25,000-\$250,000 in grant money with an average grant size of \$40,000. <http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/state-giving-guidelines>.

YOUTH SERVICE FUND GRANTS

Youth Service America (www.YSA.org) takes hunger education into the classroom. From time to time, micro-grants are offered. For instance, the Karma for Cara Foundation gives \$250-\$1000 to projects in the community led by kids aged 18 and under. See www.karmaforcara.org/get-involved.

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OTHER GRANTS

Other foundations that give grants to Arkansas non-profits include:

- **Comerica Charitable Foundation** - www.Comerica.com
- **Foundation for the Mid South Inc.** - www.FndMidsouth.org
- **King Foundation** - <http://cornerstonebti.net/KingFoundation/Arkansas-inquire>
- **Mabee Foundation, J. E. and L. E.** - www.MabeeFoundation.com
- **US Bank Foundation** - www.USBbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving.cfm

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ARKANSAS FOODBANK

Fighting hunger is the main priority of the foodbank. Not only can they help an organization stock their pantry, but may also be able to provide material items such as computers and trailers. Contact the Arkansas Foodbank at (501) 565-8121 or visit www.ArkansasFoodbank.org.

THE ARKANSAS HUNGER RELIEF ALLIANCE

One of the main faces in the fight against childhood hunger, the Alliance has been generous in helping other when it comes to starting ministries. They offer training on a wide variety hunger issues and solutions. From time to time they have even donated items such as desktop computers to churches that run feeding ministries. Contact the Alliance at (501) 399-9999 or www.ARHungerAlliance.Org for upcoming events or available assistance.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

Many corporations will assist with goods, services, or gifts-in-kind. Some include:

- Arby's - donated food and paper products
- McDonalds - donated paper goods to after-school feeding program
- Popeye's - provided food for a Christmas banquet at an after-school feeding program
- Wendy's - donated paper goods to after-school feeding program

FOOD COLLECTIONS

Several state and national organizations sponsor food drives. Contact them to find out if your ministry can benefit from the food collected. Living Waters United Methodist Church in Centerton, AR has had success in connecting with this source of food. Some of these agencies include:

- Area **Girl Scouts** and **Boy Scouts** chapters
- **Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (AHFH)** donates venison and other wild game to organizations who provide food to those in need. They can be contacted at (501) 282-0006, arkansashunters.org.
- **The National Association of Letter Carriers** who sponsor the *Stamp Out Hunger* food drive on the 2nd Saturday in May each year.

For more information, email 200KReasons@arumc.org

or visit our website www.200KReasons.arumc.org.

