

# 2017 GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR O.M.A. ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS



## Objectives:

This program is intended to encourage Brethren camps and congregations throughout the Denomination to develop new and innovative programs in the field of environmental education. This program seeks to fulfill the church's stewardship mandate (see Creation: Called to Care, a position paper of the 1991 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren).

## Procedure:

The OMA Steering Committee on an annual basis will award grants toward a project in the area of environmental education. The area of environmental education will be broadly defined as the application of Christian principles and ethics to environmental issues and stewardship development in a camping setting. Multiple year proposals will be considered but funding for each year will be contingent upon satisfactory progress reports to the OMA Steering Committee. Although matching funds are not criteria for the initial grant approval, it is encouraged that the environmental grant be used as leverage in seeking other funding support. Second year funding will require matching funds and a progress report. Grants of \$500 will be awarded with a maximum of \$1,000 per project.

Applications shall be submitted neatly typed. Supporting documents, endorsements or further details may be included. The Steering Committee shall advertise the grant program in the OMA newsletter and by other means. A deadline for all proposals is February 16, 2015. Applications received after the deadline will be considered during the next granting cycle. The Steering Committee's decisions on the awards at its spring meeting will be final.

## Each proposal shall include:

- Goal of project.
- Rationale of project:
  1. Plan for dissemination of results (evaluation of project).
  2. Deadline for submission (lead time before OMA meeting).
  3. Plan for use as teaching program.
- Outline of plan of action including personnel involved with their specific skills and abilities.
- Initiation date & place.
- Use of funds including a detailed budget.
- Length of time to complete project.
- Amount of funds requesting.

## Rational to be used in evaluating a proposal:

- Proposal indicates adequate thought leading to successful implementation.
- Quality of goals proposed (originality):
  1. Unique, innovative and original aspects of the project should be emphasized.
  2. One-time event or an on-going program.
- Number of camper days affected at the particular camp.
- Mechanism for results being disseminated to other camps and local groups.
- Effective use of funds including additional funds from local congregation, camp board, or outside groups.
- OMA Camp Membership Required.

Return all forms and enclosures by May 1, 2017 to:

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