



MUSTARD SEED PROPOSALS Due March 18

Since 1999, First United Presbyterian Church has been inspired by the following story of the mustard seed, providing more than \$170,000 to over 180-plus individuals and organizations for community outreach projects:

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which someone took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds: but when it is full-grown it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.
Matthew 13:31-32

What we fund

We provide “seed” money for special new and innovative projects and one-time expenses. **Requests to cover ongoing organizational expenses will not be funded.** We fund projects in the following focus areas:

- Youth participation/benefit
- Mission within or beyond the community
- Community/church-related project

We typically fund about ten projects (~\$200 - \$1500/project). Proposals are evaluated on need, outreach potential, likelihood of success, alignment with our focus areas, and our church’s **mission statement**:

With Christ as the center of our ministry, First United Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas, New Mexico is dedicated to sharing the love of Christ in our community and beyond.

How to apply

Prepare a brief proposal that—

- outlines your idea, details how the money will be spent, and who it will help (see focus areas above)
- is signed by the leader of the group and a First United Presbyterian Church member (*contact us if you need help finding a sponsor*)
- includes the **name, address, phone number, and email address** (if available) of the person who is submitting the request. Complete contact info must be included for funding consideration.

Submit proposals on or before March 18, at noon by mail, e-mail, or dropping off at

First United Presbyterian Church, Attention: Mustard Seed Committee
1000 Douglas Ave. PO Box 37 Las Vegas, NM 87701. Email: fupc.nm@gmail.com

If your proposal is funded, you are expected to—

- Submit a short report by the end of the calendar year.
- Make a short presentation to the congregation on a Sunday morning on progress or results of your funding.

**For more information call the church office at 425-7763
or email fupc.nm@gmail.com**