

## Possible Ministry Dreams

### Infants & Children:

- Daycare
- Playgroups & Childhood stimulation
- Parenting Support
- Parenting Classes
- Before or after school care

### Teens:

- Mentoring or Tutoring
- Evening Activities
- Drug Prevention Initiatives
- Community Service



### Adults & Seniors:

- Educational Opportunities
- Sheltered Workshop
- Employment Counseling
- Moving Assistance

### Families:

- Food Bank
- Clothes Closet
- Financial Counseling
- Furniture Warehouse
- Nutrition Classes

**Plus many, many more!**

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## Dreams Can Become a Reality!

*The Ministry Project Grant  
Program*

*The WDCES Ministry Project Coordinator, Rev. Joyce Sluss, is available to help you dream your dream and formulate your ministry plan. Please contact her!*

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## Ministry Project Guidelines

- Funding is primarily intended to help start new ministries
- Ministry projects that reach beyond the congregation are especially encouraged.
- Those congregations that have not used WDCES ministry funds in the past might be funded first.
- WDCES funding is intended to help with ministry start-up equipment and materials.
- It is not generally intended for salaries or overhead expenses.
- Funding can be available in the form of one-time grants or loans.



### How to Apply for Ministry Project Funds:

To make an application a “Grant Request Form—Ministry Project” (downloadable from our website or available from the Western District Office) should be completed and signed. A proposal letter on church letterhead must be attached. The proposal letter should include a detailed vision/plan for the new ministry, including how the funds will be used.

### Some Questions to Consider When Writing Your Proposal:

- Who is your target audience and why do they need this ministry?
- What committee or board will oversee this ministry?
- How will you recruit and then utilize volunteers?
- Will your volunteers need special training?
- In what ways is your congregation supportive of this new plan?
- Is this new ministry unique or innovative in any way?
- What are your overall goals?
- Do you have benchmarks with target dates for evaluation?
- How does this new ministry fit into your congregation’s goals?
- Is this ministry Biblically grounded?
- What will the annual budget look like?
- How will the ministry continue to be funded?
- Have you looked beyond the church for funding sources?
- What obstacles or difficulties do you foresee?

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