



**MUSTARD SEED  
PROPOSALS  
Due March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Since 1999, First United Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas has been inspired by the story of the mustard seed, providing more than \$170,000 to over 180 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 projects

We typically fund about ten projects a year. 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 of the person who is submitting the request. Complete contact info must be included for funding consideration.

**Submit proposals on or before Friday, March 28th, by 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](mailto: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 and project.

**For more information call the church office at 425-7763 or email Carol Litherland at [ctlitherland@nmhu.edu](mailto:ctlitherland@nmhu.edu) or Corky Halverson at [ckh5@me.com](mailto:ckh5@me.com).**