



Southwest California Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund
Grant Application Form

Project Title: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Name of Applicant Congregation or Ministry: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Work Home

Average Worship Attendance: _____

Annual Synodical Mission Support: \$ _____

Total Annual Congregation or Ministry Budget: \$ _____

Does the Congregation or Ministry have an Endowment Fund or other funding source?

Yes No

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Mail to: Allocations Committee
C/O Director of Administration and Finance
Southwest California Synod
1300 E. Colorado Street
Glendale, CA 91205

AND Email to: ahirsch@socalsynod.org

Include: Parochial Report
Budget: Time-phased, including allocation percentage of grant vs internal funding
Narrative: All instructions must be followed and all criteria met below

PURPOSE:

The Mission & Ministry grant is used for Outreach. Such Outreach shall be accomplished through Synod partnership whereby seed or start-up funding is provided via this grant for the glory of God and His children. It embraces the potential for Multi-Congregational Collaboration to ensure enduring gifts to the communities they serve now and into the future.

Instructions:

1. Attach a brief narrative, **doubled spaced in 12 pt. font.** Stories exceeding three (3) pages will NOT be considered.
2. Stories should include an explanation of how the grant will help to increase the mission of God's church in the congregation's ministry, in the community where the congregation/ministry is located and who will be most affected by the grant.
3. **Include a copy of the congregation's 2018 parochial report.**
4. Establishing a significant need for a project is based on current essential community necessities and the impact it is anticipated to make.
5. Submit the time required to both plan and execute your project.
6. Include rationale to support the number of people both serving and being served through this project. Include how you will invite those who will serve and those who will be served. How will you promote the grant and the project?
7. Provide: (1) Comprehensive time-phased financial execution plan and (2) Sustainment plan for this project once the Synod grant seed funding is exhausted.
8. Collaboration between multiple congregations in the furtherance of Sunday school outreach broadens the potential impact intended for these funds. Therefore, after all, seven of the above instruction items are met, the higher ranking will be afforded to multi-church grant request submittals.
9. The funds for grants will expire August 2, 2019 (60 days after the Synod Assembly). It is the receiving congregation's responsibility to cash the check before it expires. Once the account is closed, all undeposited checks will become void.

CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be a congregation/ministry of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
2. Grant request must meet the purpose of the Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund.
3. Recipients must agree to use the funds only as stated in their proposal and will provide a report to the Southwest California Synod on or before a subsequent grant application submittal. If a grant report is not filed, the congregation/ministry will lose their grant eligibility for three (3) years.
4. Building Projects will be considered only if the relationship to the mission of the congregation/ministry is clearly established.
5. Salary assistance up to one-third of the total salary for one year may be requested.
6. If you receive grant funding, you are encouraged to make a gift to the Synod's Mission and Ministry Fund within three (3) years.

Southwest California Synod Mission Goals

- Communicating the Gospel message powerfully and clearly
- Shaping the faith of the baptized through education
- Fostering congregations in becoming healthy communities
- Creating opportunities for our rostered ministers to thrive
- Developing at least four geographical area ministry strategies
- Establishing clusters of congregations around similar ministries