



ELCA World Hunger 2025 Domestic Hunger Grants



Photo: Intergenerational jardín comunitario
Kinsmen Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas.





Webinar Overview

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ELCA World Hunger

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Photo: The Welcome Church, Philadelphia, PA



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Photo: Servants Of Christ Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN



Eligibility

- ✓ 501c3 nonprofit
- ✓ Relationship with ELCA
- ✓ Engaged with local community

Award terms:

- Domestic Hunger Grant awards will be for a maximum of \$10,000 per year for up to three years.

[ELCA.org/domestichungergrants](https://elca.org/domestichungergrants) for more



Criteria


- ✓ able to demonstrate a strong, recognized and established relationship with a congregation, ministry or institution of the ELCA;
- ✓ able to demonstrate a strong, recognized and established relationship with the community in which the work will take place; and
- ✓ actively engaged in the work described in the application.
- ✓ *As a ministry of the church, ELCA World Hunger will prioritize ELCA congregations in the award process.*
- ✓ *Organizations that discriminate among guests and neighbors, require participation in faith-related activities as a prerequisite for services or apply as “pass-through” organizations will not be considered for funding.*





Priorities

Given the criteria areas described in the previous slide, ELCA World Hunger especially seeks to support ministries that:

- ✓ clearly address root causes of hunger in communities;
 - ✓ demonstrate strong commitment to diversity and inclusion in leadership and decision-making, including direct engagement of people who themselves are experiencing hunger or poverty;
 - ✓ create or foster opportunities for advocacy/organizing toward systemic change;
 - ✓ leverage local assets through partnerships with other local ministries and organizations and invest their own time and financial resources in the ministry.
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Our Focus Areas

- ✓ Community Organizing
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Housing
 - ✓ Health
 - ✓ Peace, Justice, and Human Rights
 - ✓ Public Policy Advocacy
 - ✓ Sustainable Livelihoods
 - ✓ Water
 - ✓ And more
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Letter of Inquiry

What is a Letter of Inquiry?


- A snapshot of a grant proposal
- Provides an initial impression of your project or ministry
- Assesses if it aligns with the purpose of the grant
- Typically, a page in length
- Do not require a professional grant writer to complete

Once LOIs are reviewed, you may be invited to submit a full grant application with assistance provided by ELCA World Hunger staff.






Letter of Inquiry

- ☐ Who are you?
 - ☐ What systemic issues are being addressed in the communities served?
 - ☐ How does your organization or project plan to address systemic issues in the communities served?
 - ☐ Who are the participants?
 - ☐ What is the total amount you are requesting from ELCA World Hunger? (Please enter the number only)
 - ☐ Is this a single year or a multi-year request?
 - ☐ Is this request part of an existing organization or ministry or a new ministry or organization?
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Timeline

- Letter of inquiry form open: May 1–June 16, 2024
 - Letter of inquiry review: June 17–August 4, 2024
 - Response to the letter of inquiry (decline or accept): August 23, 2024
 - Invited applicants to complete grant application in ELCA GrantMaker: August–September 2024
 - Review and communication between ELCA World Hunger staff and grant applicants on proposal: August–October 2024
 - Award notifications shared with applicants: November 2024
 - 2025 Domestic Hunger Grants start and payment date: March 2025
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Thank you!

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