



Mission Investment Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Mission Investment Fund Grants General Guidelines

Eligibility:

All ELCA congregations and ELCA-related ministries that are investors in the Mission Investment Fund are eligible to apply. Social ministry organizations that are affiliated with the ELCA through Lutheran Services in America and are investors in the Mission investment Fund are also eligible to apply. Ministries not related to the ELCA are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be investors for a minimum of 12 months.

Congregations that received MIF grants are eligible to apply for a new grant four years after the year in which the grant was awarded.

Purpose:

- For the capital needs of the congregation or ELCA-related ministry
- Grants must be used for a capital project to further a specific project that will strengthen outreach ministry. Consideration will also be given to capital projects that will make a facility more energy efficient or environmentally friendly.

Frequency:

- Awarded semi-annually
- Completed applications must be received by the Mission Investment Fund Grant Administrator in Chicago by **January 15** for the first grant cycle, or by **July 15** for the second grant cycle
- Generally, only one grant will be awarded per ELCA synod annually

Grant Amounts:

- All grants are matching grants and will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. A matching grant requires the ministry to raise funds equal to the requested amount.

Criteria for Selection:

- Health of the congregation or ELCA-related institution
- Vibrancy of the ministry
- Vision of the organization for helping others
- Demonstrated need
- Impact grant would have on congregation or ministry
- Plans, invoices and other evidence of project (including photos and status report)
- All applicants will be notified by mail of the grant committee's decision approximately 45 days from the grant deadline
- Grants are not available for projects that have already been completed

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