



Mission Investment Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Mission Investment Fund Endowment 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.

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 May 15 for the first grant cycle, or by December 15 for the second grant cycle
- One nomination per ELCA region will be considered
- One to four grants will be awarded each cycle, depending on the monies available from the Mission Investment Fund Endowment

Grant Amounts:

- Grants will range from \$7,500 to \$25,000

Matching Grants:

- Will be awarded based on matching funds raised by the ministry applying for a grant

Criteria for Selection:

- Health of the congregation or ELCA-related institution
- Vibrancy of the ministry
- Uniqueness of the setting
- Vision of the organization for doing creative ministry
- Demonstrated need for additional funding
- Impact grant would have on congregation or ministry