Grand Canyon Synod

ACTS Grant Application

#### Eligibility to apply:

#### A ministry that is a *Synodically Authorized Worshipping Community (SAWC)* or that is classified by the Grand Canyon Synod as a *Strategic Ministry* may apply for this type of grant. If you are unsure of the current classification of your ministry, please contact the Grand Canyon Synod office for clarification.

#### Description

This grant is available to SAWCs and Strategic Ministries as they strive to become **A**dapting, **C**onnecting, **T**ransforming, and **S**ustaining (ACTS). The maximum award for an ACTS grant will be $20,000.

#### Requirements:

* This form must be completed in its entirety. Omission of any requested information will affect the score awarded to the grant proposal.
* The completed form must be submitted electronically no later than midnight on October 30, 2023, either as an email attachment to office@gcsynod.org or through the online grants system. No late submissions will be accepted.
* Questions about the grant process or applications should be directed to Theresa Thornburgh in the Office of the Bishop at office@gcsynod.org or 602-957-3223.

#### **Contact Information (all fields required.)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name of Congregation/Ministry Site: |  |
| Street address: |  |
| City, State, zip code: |  |
| Contact person:  |  |
| Contact phone number: |  |
| Contact email: |  |

#### Program and Funding Information

|  |
| --- |
| Ministry/Program Name |
| Amount of grant request (may not exceed $20,000) | **$** |
| Description of the proposed use of grant money:1. Specify what will be done and by whom.
2. Explain the need for grant money and describe how any money awarded will be used.
 |

#### Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan

Indicate with an X which of the Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan goals this proposal will support; **select** **no more than three (3) goals.**

|  |
| --- |
| **Communicate Jesus** |
|  | Encourage, empower, and equip communities of faith to expand the understanding of our unique ELCA identity and witness. |
|  | Strengthen our ecumenical relationships and ministries. |
|  | Grow our public witness through advocacy, integrating our ELCA theology and engagement with current issues and contextual realities. |
|  | Deepen our global engagement by connecting local witness and global relationships. |
| **Connect People** |
|  | Equip disciples – inclusive of lay leaders, pastors, deacons and youth – to build healthy and vibrant faith communities |
|  | Foster a spirit of collaboration and intentional connection across the Synod as we participate in Synod events. |
|  | Provide a ministry of presence and resources to support ministries in transition. |
|  | Grow our partnerships with our Southwest colleagues (Region 2). |
|  | Support new leadership and ministry initiatives including youth ministry, coaching and ministry networks. |
| **Create Possibilities** |
|  | Grow in gratitude and generosity to strengthen our financial capacity for ministry and witness |
|  | Seek and create new ways to connect and grow our rich diversity through multi-cultural ministries. |
|  | Align and structure the GCS for effectiveness, efficiency and support to our ministries |
|  | Accompany congregations and ministries to increase their capacity to be adaptive, right sized, and vital. |
|  | Raise up and support new leaders for the church’s ministry through a revitalized candidacy process |

**Complete the following. Be concise but explain fully.**

1. **General Ministry/Program Information:**
2. Specify how the proposed ministry or program specifically targets each of the goals checked above.
3. List the implementation plan for this proposal, with a timeline.
4. Describe the population/demographic who will be served by this ministry/program:
5. List the anticipated outcomes of this ministry/program.
6. Describe the evaluation plan for this ministry/program. How will growth or effectiveness be measured?
7. **Funding and Sustainability Information:**
8. If grant funds were previously received from the Grand Canyon Synod, has a Grant Progress Report been submitted (yes/no)?
9. Is this a renewal of a prior year’s grant, (yes/no)? If yes, summarize the prior year’s accomplishments and challenges.
10. If this request is for a new grant, please provide a brief history of your ministry (e.g. when it started, a few significant milestones).
11. Have grant monies been received from sources other than the Grand Canyon Synod in the past 12 months (yes/no)? If yes, list the providers and amounts received.
12. Are you applying for funding from other sources (yes/no)? If yes, describe each source.
13. What is the plan to make this ministry/program financially sustainable? Include a projected timeline.
14. List your current partners in ministry and explain how you support each other’s ministry. Indicate how any of these partners may be involved in the proposed ministry/program.

#### C**. Budget Information:**

The following are **allowable** categories for grant funding:

* Educational Materials – ELCA/Christian Resources/Sunday School/Young Adult/Special Outreach Projects
* Program launch – marketing materials, social media platform start-up expenses.
* Scholarship support for ELCA youth camps/youth gatherings.
* Start-up support for new church building furnishings (ie., chairs/tables/altar etc.)
* Church banners, program materials for worship services, communion sacraments, musician support for worship services.
* Travel expenses for ELCA sponsored trips, youth gatherings, partnership outreach through Global Missions commitments, Churchwide Assembly etc.
* Building repair as related to food pantry services (required per Health Dept. licensing).

The following are **non-allowable** categories for grant funding:

* Salaries
* Capital equipment including laptop and personal computers.
* Continuous operational expenses (i.e., health benefits, rent, building/vehicular insurance expenses, utility payments).
* Licensing for health/food pantry services.
* Recreational/social activities.
* Travel expenses based upon individual church/member interests.
* Vehicle purchase/vehicle payments/mileage reimbursement.
* School/pre-school uniforms.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Anticipated Ministry/Program Expense Item | Amount |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| (insert additional lines as necessary) |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Total estimated expenses |  |

**Income**

Provide an itemized list of anticipated income sources with amount expected from each source. Include the amount requested from the Grand Canyon Synod. List one item and amount per line:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Ministry/Program Income Source | Amount |
| Congregational mission partners |  |
| Other benevolences |  |
| ELCA Domestic Mission Unit |  |
| Grant amount requested from Grand Canyon Synod  |  |
| Membership giving |  |
| Facility use |  |
| Miscellaneous (insert additional lines as necessary) |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Total estimated income |  |

#### Grant Report

All ministries that are awarded grants are expected to submit progress reports which will be due on May 31, 2024, October 31, 2024, and January 31, 2025. Failure to submit the appropriate report may result in future grant funds being withheld.

#### Approval

This application requires the approval of **two** individuals within your organization.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Name | Role | Date |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |