

Northwest Washington Synod | Grace Grant Application

Thanks to the vision and desire for continued ministry, Grace Lutheran Church (Bellevue), gave the synod council a percentage of their proceeds when they closed their ministry in 2019. The synod council, in turn, wants to invest this money in congregations and ministry sites who are doing faithful innovation. In that spirit, Grace Grants were born. *We anticipate continuing these grants if individuals or congregations make funds available to us.*

For each of the three years (2020-2022), \$100,000 will be made available for congregations and ministry sites to apply for Grace Grants. Congregations and ministry sites are welcome to apply for grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 for a specific ministry project. The council welcomes all applications. In particular, the Grace Grant Committee and synod council are looking for congregations who are faithfully looking into the future, trusting God, and seeing new possibilities in sharing the story of Jesus.

Due to the COVID pandemic, some of the 2020 grant recipients requested an extension for their projects. These were approved by the Grace Grants Committee. However, these 2020 recipients with extensions will not be eligible to reapply until they have completed their current Grace Grant projects.

Focus Areas:

Ideally, your grant proposal will show your aspirations for ministry in support of one or more of these four focus areas:

- Equity and Justice for Marginalized Communities
- Post-COVID Ministry Innovation
 - What have we learned during COVID?
 - How do we go forward to “new and improved?”
- Community and Inclusion
- Youth & Young Adult

Important Dates:

February 9, 2021 - Grant Application Period open, find form on synod website

May 1, 2021 - Applications due. No late applications will be accepted

May 2021 - Grant committee review will take place

May 15, 2021 - Notification of grants awarded at Synod Assembly

July 1, 2021 - Grants to be funded

Between July 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022- Grant monies will be used by those selected

By May 1, 2022- Each grant recipient will submit a report to the synod council sharing the results of the ministry project facilitated through the grant.

Grants are potentially renewable.

Submission Process:

Please submit this form electronically. For best results, we recommend you:

1. Print this application and jot down info on your printed application as you gather it.
2. When you are ready, download and save this form with a new name (your project or congregation name for example) to your computer. THEN begin to fill out the form. Please verify your ability to save information by filling out one or two fields, saving and closing the file, and reopening to be sure your information is being saved.
3. Fill out all relevant fields. Save and close the file and email the completed PDF (and any supplemental material you desire) to office@lutheransnw.org.

Questions about the grant process or applications should be directed to office@lutheransnw.org.

Contact Information *All fields are required*

Name of Congregation/Ministry Site:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Person:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email:

Project & Funding Information

Project Name:

Amount of Grant Request:

If the Grace Grant Committee cannot award the amount requested, what is the minimum amount you could use for this to be a viable ministry project:

Please explain briefly how you would modify your project with a lesser amount of money:

Focus Areas

Please indicate which of the NW Washington Synod Focus Areas this ministry supports. (Check all that apply)

Equity and Justice for Marginalized Communities

Post-COVID Ministry Innovation

Community and Inclusion

Youth & Young Adult

Ministry Project

Please answer the following questions. 200 word maximum for each section. If you wish to include additional information, please do so in an attachment.

What are the project goals?

Describe how this ministry project specifically targets each of the focus areas checked above.

Describe the population/demographic(s) who will be served by this project.

How will project outcomes be measured?

Have you received grant monies for this project from other sources in the past 12 months? Yes No
If yes, please list the providers and amounts received:

Are you applying for funding for this ministry project from other sources? Yes No
If yes, describe:

Ministry Sustainability

What is your plan to complete or make this ministry project financially sustainable?
Please include a projected timeline.

Please list your active mission partners.

How are they supporting your ministry? How are you supporting their ministry?

How are you deepening current mission partnerships and creating new ones?

What are the other community connections you are making?

Project Grant Report

All ministries that are awarded grants are expected to submit progress reports which will be due on May 1, 2022. Failure to submit the appropriate report may result in future grant funds being withheld.

Approval

Please list the name of the leadership individual in your congregation/ministry site who has approved this application.

Name:

Submitted by:

Date Submitted: