



Southwestern Minnesota Synod
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Endowment Fund of the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

Congregational Mission Grants for 2024-2025

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod Endowment Fund wants to partner with you in supporting the mission of the Church in your local community in 2024-2025.

This is the sixth year for Congregational Mission Grants. In the last five years, a total of \$87,552 has been awarded throughout the SWMN Synod. This year, there is **\$40,750** available. Funded projects must be completed, with a final report received by November 30, 2025.

The Fund Committee is looking for project proposals in the following areas:

- Community Outreach
- Youth Activities
- Special Mission Projects
- Addressing Community Food Insecurity

These grants are intended for *new initiatives* or for *significant expansion of existing programs to serve new people*. The Endowment Fund is particularly interested in proposals that involve partnerships with other faith communities and organizations in the community. In evaluating applications, the Endowment Committee will consider sustainability following the initial grant period where applicable.

The Endowment Committee will decline to fund building improvements, maintenance, or renovation, and congregational mission trips. In addition, while welcoming applications which involve *project staffing*, ongoing staff positions will not be considered.

Eligibility: Congregations, Conferences, and Campus Ministries of the SWMN Synod are invited to apply.

Grants Available: \$500 – \$7,500

Deadlines:

- July 1, 2024 - Application deadline
- August 15, 2024 - Applicants will be informed of approval or denial of their proposal, on or before this date. A Grant Acceptance Agreement will be sent to successful applicants.
- As soon as successful applicants return the signed agreement form, funds will be distributed.
- November 30, 2025 – Completion Reports must be submitted by this date. We encourage grantees to submit this report as soon as the project is completed.

The application link is on the synod website.

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