**Grand Canyon Synod VRSM Vitality and Innovation Grant Application**

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Vital Right Shaped Ministry Vitality and Innovation Grant. We pray that this funding will help you live out your vision and mission. VRSM is part of the Lilly 3E grant that is intended to tackle the economic challenges facing pastoral leaders. When congregations are vital and healthy they are poised to help support their pastoral leaders.

As you pray about what kind of projects your congregation could submit a VRSM Vitality and Innovation Grant for consider that vital projects would be those that:

1. help create vital and healthy congregations
2. are led by people other than the pastor
3. include multiple congregations
4. help a congregation/s clearly fulfill their mission statement
5. include people of all ages
6. include people who are not members of the congregation in some way
7. require more from people than simply their financial gifts or presence in worship
8. is inclusive of all people and genders

To learn more about Lilly 3E and Vital Right Shaped Ministries we invite you to visit [Vital Right-Shaped Ministry — Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA (gcsynod.org)](http://www.gcsynod.org/vrsm).

**Who can apply?**

Any congregation or affiliated ministry within the Grand Canyon Synod

**What are the limits?**

Individual congregations/ministries $1000-4000

Collaborations $4000-$8000

Please note that these are the general ranges for limits. If you would like for the team to consider an exception to these limits please feel free to contact Pr. Miguel Gomez-Acosta so that your request may be reviewed by the New and Renewing Team before you submit the final application.

Applications must be in by June 10, 2022. To apply:

1. Complete the application form below using a computer word-processing program. Save your application in Word or PDF.
2. Send your completed application as an attachment to DEM Pr. Miguel Gomez-Acosta, miguel.gomez-acosta@elca.org

**APPLICATION FORM**

**Sponsoring organization:**

**Sponsoring organization IRS tax number (EIN):**

**Project name:**

**Primary contact name:**

**Primary contact email address:**

**Primary contact telephone number(s):**

**Primary contact surface address:**

**Total dollar amount you are requesting:**

**Describe your project. Include:**

1. **What needs do you hope to address? What are 3 goals for your projects?**
2. **Describe your project. How is it innovative, and/or how does it accomplish your desired goals?**
3. **Detailed implementation plan with timeline.**
4. **Detailed budget that includes the funds you or others will supply.**
5. **How will you evaluate your project?  What metrics will you use?**