# GCS Grants Process

**Project Support and ACTS Grants** 

Presented by: GCS Grants Committee and the Office of the Bishop September 13, 2022



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#### Important Dates

Grant Application submission window opens:

September 12, 2022

Grant Submission deadline:

October 14, 2022

Grant committee review due:

December 9, 2022

Final review by Bishop, Synod Council VP, and Treasurer:

December 14, 2022

Approval of Grants by Synod Council:

February 12, 2023

Notification to grant applicants:

February 14, 2023

#### Funding of Grants

- February 2023 for one-time payments
- February, May, August, and November 2023 for quarterly payments.

Progress reports due:

May 31, 2023;

October 31, 2023

January 31, 2024

## Types of Grants Offered

#### Project Grants

- For a specific new or continuing project
- Serves one or more of the Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan Goals (communicate Jesus, connect people, create possibilities)
- Maximum award amount is \$8,000

#### **Priority Projects**

 Grant proposals that propose a collaboration with another ELCA ministry and align with the <u>Grand</u> <u>Canyon Synod Strategic Plan</u> will be given preferential consideration.

## Types of Grants, cont.



ACTS (ADAPTING, CONNECTING, TRANSFORMING, AND SUSTAINING) GRANTS



WHO: A MINISTRY THAT IS A SYNODICALLY AUTHORIZED WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY (SAWC) OR THAT IS CLASSIFIED BY THE GRAND CANYON SYNOD AS A STRATEGIC MINISTRY\*



MAXIMUM AWARD: \$20,000



\* IF YOU AREN'T SURE IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, PLEASE CONTACT THERESA AT THE SYNOD OFFICE.



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Guidelines

#### Allowable Use of Funds

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).

# Non-Allowable Uses of Funds

#### Not allowed:

- 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.

## How to Apply





Complete the Grant Forms

Submit to <a href="mailto:office@gcsynod.org">office@gcsynod.org</a> before 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

Advice from the Committee

Ms. Sue Jensen

Pr. Gary McCluskey

Pr. Brian Weinberger Ms. Heather Burgett

# Questions and Answers



# Closing Prayer