Grand Canyon Synod

2023 Manna Grant Application

#### Description:

This grant is intended to help support new and continuing projects that work within the Grand Canyon Synod to (1) alleviate hunger, (2) address root causes of hunger (e.g, poverty, employment instability, inadequate education, medical issues, lack of child care, race and gender inequity, inferior infrastructure, poor decision-making), and (3) which demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion in leadership and decision-making. It is anticipated that grants of up to $10,000 will be awarded.

#### Eligibility to Apply:

#### All organized congregations, New Starts, Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWCs), and Strategic Ministries of the Grand Canyon Synod may apply.

#### Application Requirements:

* This application 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 sent to office@gcsynod.org no later than midnight on July 31, 2023. Late submissions will not be accepted.
* Questions about the grant application or process 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.)

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| Name of Congregation/Organization |  |
| Street Address |  |
| City, State, Zip |  |
| Applicant/Contact Person |  |
| Title/Position of Applicant |  |
| Applicant Phone/Email |  |
| Project Name |  |
| Amount Requested |  |
| Is this project NEW or CONTINUING? |  |

Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan

Carefully consider the Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan goals enumerated below. Indicate with an X **no more than three (3)** of the Plan goals that will be supported by this project.

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| **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.**

**General Project Information:**

1. Specify what will be done through this project and by whom.
2. Describe the population/demographic to be served by this project.
3. Describe how this project works to alleviate hunger in your community/this synod.
4. Describe how this project addresses at least one root cause of hunger among its targeted group. Note: A list of some root causes of hunger can be found in the Description paragraph on page 1 of this application.
5. Describe how this project demonstrates a commitment to diversity and inclusion in leadership and decision-making.
6. Describe how this project strives to reach each of the Grand Canyon Synod Strategic Plan goals checked above.
7. (a) If this is a CONTINUING project, give a summary of its history and accomplishments so far, and what specifics are planned for the next year.
8. If this is a NEW project, list the implementation plan for the project, with a timeline.
9. List the anticipated outcome(s) of this project.
10. Describe the evaluation plan for this project. How will the project’s effectiveness be measured?

**Funding and Sustainability Information:**

1. Why is grant money needed? Specify how any money awarded will be used.
2. If grant funds were previously received from the Grand Canyon Synod, has a Grant Progress Report been submitted (yes/no)? If a required report has not been submitted, please explain.
3. 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.
4. Are you applying for funding or planning to apply for funding from other sources (yes/no)? If yes, describe each source.
5. Is there a plan to make this project financially sustainable for the future? If so, describe the plan.
6. List current and anticipated project partners, if any; indicate how each of these partners is/will be involved in the project.

#### **Budget Information:**

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

* Educational materials
* Program launch (i.e., marketing materials, social media platform start-up expenses.)
* Furnishings (i.e., chairs, tables, etc.) essential to this proposal.
* Capital equipment (including laptop/personal computers) essential to this proposal.
* Building repair as related to food pantry services (required for Health Department licensing.)
* Licensing for health/food pantry services.
* Mileage reimbursement for project requirements.

The following are **NON-ALLOWABLE** categories for grant funding

* Continuous operational expenses (i.e., salaries, health benefits, rent, insurance, utility payments).
* Capital equipment not essential to this proposal.
* Vehicle purchase/maintenance.
* Recreational/social activities.
* Travel expenses based upon individual organization/member interests.

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| Anticipated Project Expense Item | Amount |
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| (insert additional lines as necessary) |  |
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| Total estimated expenses |  |

List anticipated income sources with the amount expected from each source; include the amount requested from the Grand Canyon Synod. List one item and amount per line:

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| Anticipated Project Income Source | Amount |
| Grant amount requested from Grand Canyon Synod |  |
| Project organization/members |  |
| Project partners |  |
| Other donors |  |
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| (insert additional lines as necessary) |  |
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| Total estimated income |  |

#### Additional Requirements

Grant awardees are required to submit:

1. a short video (2-5 minutes) about the project that will be shown at the 2024 Grand Canyon Synod assembly, and
2. three progress reports, due on May 31, 2024, October 31, 2024, and January 31, 2025.

Failure to submit these items may result in future grant funds being denied or withheld.

#### Approval of Application

This application requires the signature approval of **two (2)** individuals within the applying organization; these individuals must be different from the applicant(s).

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