



## Southwest California Synod Guide to Grant Proposal

### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in The Southwest California Synod Mission and Ministry and Warner Trust grants, and for your efforts to spread the Gospel.

Should you have any questions about completing your Proposal, we encourage you to contact [swcagrants@socalsynod.org](mailto:swcagrants@socalsynod.org). As a reminder, your completed grant proposal must be received by the deadline set by the Endowment Committee. You can submit your full proposal up until midnight on the day of your deadline; if you are unable to meet the deadline due to extenuating circumstances, please contact [swcagrants@socalsynod.org](mailto:swcagrants@socalsynod.org) to request an extension.

### **CRITERIA**

1. Applicant must be a congregation, organization, or agency of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
2. Grant proposals must support either the Mission Outreach of the Southwest California Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and their successor bodies or the donor restrictions imposed by the Warner Trust. Both are shown below.
3. Recipients must agree to use the funds only as stated in their proposal. Recipients agree to contact the Endowment Committee if circumstances beyond their control delay or otherwise affect the funded project.
4. Recipients agree to work with the Endowment Committee and/or Synod Mission Interpreter to share the work enabled by the grant with the synod community.
5. Capital Projects will be considered only if the relationship to the mission of the congregation/ministry is clearly established.
6. Salary assistance up to one-third of the total salary for one year may be requested.
7. Congregations must submit the past years Congregational Report with the grant application.



8. Recipients are encouraged to make a gift to the Synod's Mission and Ministry Endowment Fund within three (3) years.
9. Applicants are eligible to apply for funding every year

#### Helpful Tips

1. Please answer the questions fully and provide budget detail.
2. Please limit use of bullets and other formatting as these features typically do not present correctly once the application is submitted.
3. Approximate word counts are provided for each application question: however, additional space is provided for your use as needed.