

Each year, the Congregational Life Committee (CLC) of the Northern Illinois Synod awards grants to be used as seed money to inspire and empower the people of the Northern Illinois Synod to develop creative new ideas for ministry.

Any congregation or group related to a congregation of the Northern Illinois Synod can apply for a CLC grant. The grant request guidelines are subject to revision by the CLC.

The grant money must be used to meet the mission of the CLC - to support and equip congregations to carry out their ministries in the areas of Worship, Youth Ministry, Parish Planning, Education, and Stewardship.



The project must involve at least five members of the congregation in its implementation and must show potential for long term impact by addressing real needs. The plans for the project should be able to be presented as a model for other congregations. Local resources should be committed to the project, and CLC money should be used only as seed money for the project. Grant recipients will be asked to be accountable to the CLC.

*More details can be found on the rear panel of this brochure.*



Grants may be requested annually. Normally a project will not have a grant approved more than three times. The grant amounts in repeating years will generally be in decreasing amounts. Priority will be given to grant requests that come from middle- or small-sized congregations.

After a grant is received, the CLC requires a report on the results of the project. This report is to be submitted at the end of the project, or after one year, whichever comes first.

Return completed application to:

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# Congregational Life Committee Grant Application

All requests should be made by December 31 of the calendar year. Grants will be given out at the beginning of the next fiscal year (February 1). Not all requests that are properly submitted are accepted.

Date of Request:

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Name of congregation/group requesting the grant:

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Address:

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City, State, Zip:

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When will grant be needed:

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Contact Person:

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Phone:

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E-mail:

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Signature of Pastor:

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Please answer the following questions completely (on a separate piece of paper if necessary to answer questions fully) and return to the address on the back of this brochure:

1. What will the money be used for?
2. Who from your congregation will be involved in the project?
3. What is the need you seek to meet?
4. Who will benefit from its use?
5. In what way is this proposal related to the ongoing work within the congregation?
6. Is this the first time that you have applied for a CLC grant? If not, when did you previously apply?
7. What other sources of funding have you sought?
8. What is the total amount needed to complete this project?
9. What area of congregational life is this project related (i.e. worship, education)?
10. Who accepts responsibility for the proper use of the granted funds?
11. What future report will you provide to us on the use of the funds granted and their impact?
12. How will you make your project available to those who may wish to follow your model?