



San Pablo at the Aurora, IL 4th of July parade, inviting the community to join them for VBS

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is a nonprofit ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). By God's grace, LCEF is blessed by strong investors and faithful borrowers. As a result of this strong partnership, LCEF is able to use fiscal year end operating results to offer up to three \$1,000 Grow Your Community grants to congregations, schools and other LCMS organizations within the Northern Illinois District (NID).

Qualifications

- Conduct a specific local outreach event to connect and engage people in your surrounding community in order to build relationships and provide opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This outreach event must be completed within one calendar year of the receipt of this grant.
- Reflect the goals of the LCEF mission statement: To support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of the LCMS.
- Provide photos and a written summary of the LCEF grant-funded outreach event within one calendar year of receipt of this grant. The photos and summary will be used for LCEF promotional purposes. A summary form will be sent to those receiving a grant.
- Be served by an LCEF Advocate. If you do not have an Advocate at present, contact Vanda Toner at vanda.toner@lcef.org or 708-223-3117 for information on how to engage someone for that role.

Applications that do not meet the criteria or are incomplete will not be considered.

Entry Information

This completed application must be accompanied by a one-page or less typed narrative of the specific outreach ministry event. See application for narrative requirements.

Completed applications and narrative must be submitted to the Northern Illinois District LCEF District Vice President, Vanda Toner, at vanda.toner@lcef.org. All applicants will be notified as to whether or not they receive a grant.

Selection Process

Entries will be evaluated by the Northern Illinois District Mission Facilitators and the LCEF District Loan Team.

GROW YOUR COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION

Church/School/Organization Name: _____

Organization's LCEF Advocate: _____

Every LCMS Northern Illinois District organization must be served by an LCEF Advocate to be eligible for this grant. If you currently do not have a volunteer serving as a Congregation Advocate and/or Young Investors (Y.I.) Club Coordinator, contact Vanda Toner at vanda.toner@lcef.org 708-223-3117 for information on how to engage someone for that role.

Church/School/Organization Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of *Grow Your Community* Event: _____

Provide *Grow Your Community* Narrative (required for grant consideration) of one page or less.

Include the following:

- ___ Description of ministry event
- ___ How organization members will be trained for this event
- ___ How organization members will be involved in this event
- ___ Anticipated results/impact; how will these results will be measured/evaluated
- ___ Plans for follow-up
- ___ Description of how this event will help your organization connect with and engage the people in your surrounding community
- ___ Approved by Pastor

Contact Information:

Your Name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Best Phone Number: _____

Email Address (if different from above): _____

Media Authorization:

Should our congregation receive a grant, I, _____

(name and position with organization)

authorize Lutheran Church Extension Fund to use pictures and sound recordings in any form for promotion purposes. I further consent that the pictures and recordings may be copied, published, telecast or broadcast for such purposes along with descriptions and editorial statements.

Print Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Submit applications to: Northern Illinois District LCEF Attn: Vanda Toner 2301 S Wolf Road Hillside IL 60162