

Morton Fund Grant Application

FOREWORD:

Morton Fund Grants for Ministry in East Tennessee Each year the Southeastern Synod Council awards approximately \$10,000 in grants of various sizes from the Morton Fund to support Evangelism and Witness ministry projects in Eastern Tennessee.

THE PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND REVIEW SCHEDULE:

Proposals due:	First Friday in December
Peer review period:	December
Notice of funding decisions:	January 15
Successful projects begin:	February 1

GUIDELINES:

An ideal Morton Fund Grant proposal would apply an innovative approach to a well-defined church problem or opportunity that reflects our Lutheran traditions. All proposals must support the church's mission statements and show how they relate to Evangelism and/or Mission.

DURATION OF THE GRANT:

Proposals should request support for a one year project. Ideally this grant should be considered as "SEED" money for new projects that can be sustained by the congregation. Applicants may, however, resubmit grants in subsequent years to continue projects. No guarantee is made for future funding. Proposals will be funded each year based on the quality of proposals received.

ELIGIBILITY:

Morton Fund applicants must be members of the Southeastern Synod's Conference 6. Recipients may be individual churches, coalitions of churches, or an ecumenical coalition in which a Conference 6 congregation is active. The project's principal author must be a member in good standing of the applicant church or coalition. The proposal must include the signature of the Church Council/Coalition President attesting to the approval of Church Council/Coalition Board as well as the signature of the qualifying church Pastor. Please contact ELCA Southeastern Synod for specific eligibility questions.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL:

Proposals should be submitted using the attached application. Individual categories may be expanded but the proposal should not exceed three pages in length.

Mail the completed application to:

ELCA-Southeastern Synod, P.O. Box 400, Decatur, GA 30031 **Phone:** 404-589-1977
Fax: 404-521-1980 synod.office@elca-ses.org

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Church Name: _____ **Church Phone Number:** _____

Church Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Grant Author's Name: _____ **Amount Requested:** _____

Church Mission Statement:

Target Population: (Tell who specifically will benefit from the funding of this project.)

Need: (Tell what specific need(s) exist in the above target population that will be addressed by this grant. Any documentation of this need that you can provide will strengthen this critical part of the application.)

Activities: (Tell the specific things you intend to do with the money from this grant that will work to mitigate the needs of the target population that you have described in the above needs section of this proposal. Connect these activities to your mission statement.)

Budget: (Tell us how you intend to spend the money that you have requested. Once again be specific using categories. The total budget should equal the amount requested above.)

Evaluation: (Tell us how you will know whether or not this grant was successful once funded and once the activities indicated above have been conducted.)

Successful grantees will be asked to submit a short year-end report that evaluates the effectiveness of the project and will be invited to make a brief presentation at the Fall Life Together Conference Gathering.

Required Signatures:

Church Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Church Council President: _____ Date: _____