



BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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We are all in this Together: Emergency grants for pressing needs!

Rationale

In March 2020 our BC Synod Council decided to give gifts of \$10,000 to congregations and shared ministries in the BC Synod to help alleviate financial hardship during the Covid19 pandemic. Some congregations indicated that they would prefer that these funds would be given to others with greater need. The Synod Council knows that there are some congregations who may need access to these funds to address a critical need that arises unexpectedly. The re-allocation of these funds will help us to provide small grants to meet those kinds of needs in the short term.

Bursaries/Grants

- Up to \$3,000 on any single application.
- Intended to help congregations meet basic needs in the event they find they have a payroll shortfall they cannot meet, utility bills that will go unpaid, or the cost of essential supplies, services, or repairs that they cannot afford while congregational leadership develops a plan for meeting these expenses in the future.

Application Criteria

- Applications can be made by congregations, shared ministries, and synodically recognized ministries within the BC Synod.
- They must be submitted by the congregational council or leadership team of the shared or synodically recognized ministry along with supporting documentation.
- Applications must be submitted by an officer of the congregation or shared ministry, or an authorized member of the synodically recognized leadership team.

Application Process

- Submit an application (online application) to bcynod@elcic.ca
- Application will be assessed for need and criteria listed above.
- Initial process may take 1 to 2 weeks depending on demand.
- Your application will be either preliminarily approved, pending with request for more information, or denied; an email will provide your update after 1-2 weeks.
- If approved, the funds will be dispersed directly to the congregation.



APPLICATION FORM: Emergency Grants for Pressing Needs
 (Submit completed form & required documents to bcsynod@elcic.ca)

First and last name:		Email address:	
Church Name:		Church Address:	
Phone number:		City:	
You must be an officer of the congregation or shared ministry, or an authorized member of the synodically recognized leadership team.		What is your role?	
Write one or two paragraphs describing the church's immediate financial need and how the funds will be used:			
Empty space for writing			
Please attach documentation (a copy of the minutes) verifying your request.			<input type="checkbox"/> <i>attached</i>
<i>We cannot guarantee that your church will receive a grant. After your application is reviewed, if your church is recommended for a grant, you'll receive an email from the BC Synod to verify your information and inform you on next steps. Should your church be awarded a grant, the name of your church will be recorded with Synod Council for transparency purposes.</i>			
By signing this application, I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate.			
Signature:		Date:	