

## Grant Sources

Is your congregation or a group in your congregation, cluster, or mission district looking for seed money for a special program? Following are some resources for you to use as you seek grants.

### ELCA Hunger Appeal: Domestic Grants

#### Guidelines for ELCA Hunger Program Activities

Activities supported by the ELCA World Hunger Program will relate to one or a combination of the program's **five objectives** (see <http://www.elca.org/dcs/hunger.grant.criteria.html>).

#### Priority shall be given to:

- a) People with the least resources for meeting their basic needs
- b) Women and children living in poverty

#### These activities shall relate to one or a combination of the following program areas:

- a) RELIEF, which provides immediate access to food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies and care, and the means to deliver and sustain these (transport, storage, supplies, etc.), so that the basic needs of people can be met;
- b) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, which leads to increased access to food and sustainable livelihoods through means such as sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology, adequate housing, jobs, primary health care and disease prevention, job training, child care, elder care, nutrition education, literacy training, sanitation, safe water supplies, below-market loans, and just land use and distribution;
- c) COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, which brings together men and women with common values, complementary interests, and shared concerns to build and maintain an environment that empowers all persons to obtain justice, affirm their dignity, and gain access to the goods of the earth (where possible these activities are congregation-based and help to overcome the irresponsible use of power in economic, social, and political arenas through a process that demonstrates a deep respect for the rule of law and democratic principles);
- d) EDUCATION, which recognizes the abundance of God's creation and addresses the causes, cures and elimination of hunger and poverty, engages our members, and empowers synods, congregations, affiliated ministries and ecumenical partners to act through a variety of learning opportunities;
- e) ADVOCACY, which works to overcome the effects and root causes of hunger and poverty through administrative, legislative and judicial actions in the public sphere, and through corporate actions in the private sphere.

**These activities shall:**

- a) Give people with the least resources for meeting basic needs and women and children living in poverty opportunities for leadership in their own projects and participation in planning, decision-making, implementation and evaluation.
- b) Promote global sustainability and environmental stewardship, including care of God's gifts of land, water, air and other resources. Environmental stewardship shall be an integral part of hunger-related development, education, and advocacy work.
- c) Contribute to the transformation of individuals, families, groups and communities so that they may be more interdependent, secure, empowered, healthy and hope-filled.
- d) Include provision for leadership training, apprenticeship, and local self-reliance.
- e) Include participation of community groups: ecumenical, inter-agency, or secular.
- f) Have, whenever possible, some formal or informal connection with the ELCA, its synods, congregations, affiliated organizations, or ministries.

**The domestic hunger grants process follows this cycle:**

**July 15** – Grant applications are available

**October 1** – Completed applications are due back in the domestic hunger office

**April 1** – Notifications and lump-sum disbursements are mailed to grant recipients

**Contact the ELCA Hunger Appeal: Domestic Grants Office**

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive a grant application in July, or if you have general questions about the grants process, please contact:

**Sylvia Perez**, Grants Administrator  
ELCA – Division for Church in Society  
8765 W. Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631-4190  
**phone:** 800-638-3522 Ext.2028 or  
773-380-2028  
**fax:** 773-380-2707  
**email:** [Sylvia\\_Perez@elca.org](mailto:Sylvia_Perez@elca.org)

## **ELCA: Hunger and the Environment Grants**

Grants in the \$500 to \$2000 range for:

- Community gardens or other hands-on or experiential learning projects
- Educational projects re the environment, sustainable agriculture
- Helping farmers market directly to local consumers
- Helping non-farm folks understand farming issues
- Or anything else suggested from your thinking about the ELCA Social Statement "Caring for Creation"

For info contact Danielle Welliever, 1-8---683-3522, ext. 2281 or [Danielle\\_Welliever@elca.org](mailto:Danielle_Welliever@elca.org)

## Women of the ELCA grants for “Strengthening Families and Communities”

### Funding Priorities

Grants will be awarded to programs that do one or more of the following (*note the examples in each area*):

- A. **Develop the skills and capabilities of women and children** Projects that teach job skills and provide leadership training for women, empowering them to support themselves and their families
- B. · Crisis prevention programs for children and their parents, such as mentoring and providing positive role models, conflict resolution, and educational enrichment
- C. **Overcome barriers to community and family empowerment** Projects that address issues such as violence, sex trafficking, illiteracy, access to health care, unemployment, dropping out of schools, educational inequities, crime, and inadequate housing
- D. **Encourage strong and healthy communities** Community projects that involve women and men in identifying the assets in their community and engaging in partnerships among religious and other institutions to promote community development
- E. · Projects, for example, might relate to safe and affordable housing, family training for home ownership, economic redevelopment or youth employment
- F. **Advocate for justice** Advocacy ministries that speak on behalf of those who have been hurt by injustice and oppression, including advocacy for public policies that promote justice and fullness of life for all

### Time Line

<b>February 15, 2004</b>	Completed proposals should be received by Women of the ELCA or postmarked no later than this date.
<b>May 2004</b>	Grant recipients are selected.
<b>June 2004</b>	Funding is awarded. Funds are disbursed after receipt of a signed agreement form.
<b>January 15, 2005</b>	Recipients submit mid-year reports to Women of the ELCA.
<b>July 15, 2005</b>	Recipients submit final reports.

For info and downloadable application forms go to: [www.elca.org/wo](http://www.elca.org/wo)

## ELCA Congregational Social Ministry Grants

There are seed money grants in the \$500 range for new social ministry grants. A one-page letter describing your program needs to be sent to:

**Loretta Horton**

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ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries  
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