



Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us
(Hebrews 12:1).

LWML has been globally running the race through its mission grants since 1942.




Mission Grant Writing & Evaluating

Goal: To help you understand the criteria for a viable mission grant proposal so that you may apply this information in your district.





How To Get Started

Get to know the needs within your district!



- **Work with your LWML district president**
- **Work with your LCMS district president**



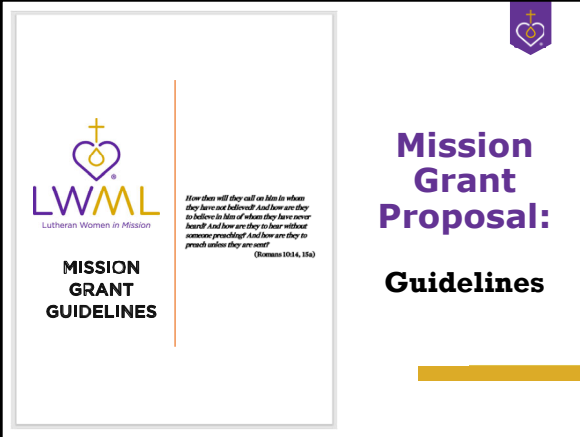
Check The Mission Grants Bank!

Mission Grants Bank at
www.lwml.org/grants-bank

LCMS CONTACTS:

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 Chief Missions Officer
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**Mission Grant Proposal:
 Guidelines**

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:14, 15a)

MISSION GRANT GUIDELINES

Terminology – Mission Grant Jargon

Submitter: Author of a mission grant proposal

Administrator: The person responsible for requesting funds and monitoring the mission grant proposal

RSO: Recognized Service Organization

Please go to the LCMS website for a list of these organizations:
www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/recognized-service-organizations/directory

Terminology – Mission Grant Jargon



Resolution: A formal statement of intended action

Whereas Statements: Explain WHY the action should be taken

WHEREAS: Grant goals (God's command to us)

WHEREAS: Needs

WHEREAS: Purpose

RESOLVED: Amount needed for the organization/ministry

Be Mission in Emphasis, with a Clear Gospel Element



- Is it extending the ministry of the Word?
- Is it spreading the Gospel?



Location





- Consider where your grant is to be used: local, district, national, or international.
- We encourage you to fund locally! You know the needs of your district best.





Ask The Question

Does the grant align with the strategic objectives and operational plans of the LCMS?





Ready To Go


- Is the proposal current and ready for implementation?
- Will it be *ongoing* in nature, with assurance of continuing after the grant monies have been expended?




Filled With Purpose

 **VISION**

 **MISSION**

 **VALUES**

Does the proposal have a clearly stated purpose, so the reviewer can tell exactly for what the money will be used?





Submitted By...



Record who submitted the grant.



Checklist of Reviews and Approvals

Mission Grant Proposal

- District President
- District Counselor

The LCMS district president, the LWML district president, and pastoral counselors review and/or approve the mission grant proposal.



Please Sign Here!

Recommended signatures for every district grant proposal:

- LWML district president
- LCMS district president

Both need to review!



When are recommendations needed from the LCMS?



Please Sign Here!


In order to use photos in mission grant proposals, a signed photo release form is required as part of the grant submission process.

PHOTO RELEASE FORM




I, _____ with a mailing address of _____
 _____ City of _____ State of _____
 _____ (the "Releasor") grant permission and consent
 to _____ (the "Releasee") for the use of the following
 photograph(s) as identified below for presentation under any legal
 condition, including but not limited to: publicity, copyright purposes,
 illustration, advertising, and web content:


 Describe Photo(s)




DISTRICT Mission Grant Selection Process



Mission Grant Selection Meeting



1. Open with prayer.
2. Use the "Mission Grant Vetting and Evaluation Tool," available on the LWML website.
3. Recommend mission grants for the ballot.
4. Send proposed mission grants to your executive committee and board of directors for approval.



DISTRICT LWML EVALUATION OF PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS

After receiving all the proposed mission grants that are to be considered for ballot, please read through them using the following form as a guide for your evaluation. Come prepared with comments and/or questions you feel are important in considering the grant in question. God's blessings on your prayerful consideration.

- Insert the grant title and amount requested.
- Location: Indicate where the grant will be used: US, NA (North America other than US), SA (South America), F (Other foreign country or territory)
- The grant must:
 - be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word, in other words, spreading the Gospel
 - fit into the plan and priorities of the LCMS - in agreement distinctly with The LCMS
 - be current and ready for implementation
 - be ongoing in nature, with the assurance of continuing after the grant money has been expended
 - have a clearly stated purpose so the reviewer can tell for what exactly the money will be used
 - have a record of who submitted the grant either a LWML number, group, zone, district, or LCMS board

BALOTING GUIDE

0 Definite No
 1 Leaning toward No
 2 Leaning toward Yes
 3 Definite Yes

GRANT #	GRANT TITLE	AMOUNT	LOCATION	GOSPEL ORIENTED	IN AGREEMENT WITH LCMS	READY	ON GOING	CLEAR PURPOSE	SUBMITTED BY	RATING	COMMENTS
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											

Mission Grant Distribution Guidelines & District Bylaws

- How do you determine the order in which the grants are paid?
- What happens if a grant is unpaid?
- What happens if grant money needs to be reallocated?
- What is your reallocation process?
- What do you do with biennium mission goal overages?

District Convention Speakers Who have Mission Grant Proposals on the Ballot

MISSION GRANT VOTING

- Speakers who have mission grant proposals on the ballot need to speak after the vote for grants.
- Exhibitors who have mission grant proposals on the ballot: Exhibits can be open, but no campaigning or soliciting votes for their proposal is allowed.

Mission Grant Follow Up

- Ask for a report on what has been accomplished with the grant money, and ask for photos to use at your convention, in your newsletters, and on your website!
- Send the check with a letter, or present it in person: Photo Op!
- Start a "Your Mite Offerings Have Made An Impact" page on your website!



And throughout all this,

Pray.

Thank God.

Pray.

Ask for guidance.

Pray.

Thank God.

