



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

FY2028 MISSOURI DISTRICT MISSION GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Information

Organization name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP code: _____

Website: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Primary Contact

Name: _____

Position/Role: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Preferred contact method: ☐ Email ☐ Phone

Ministry Type

☐ Campus ministry

☐ Church plant

☐ Community outreach ministry

☐ Ethnic ministry

☐ Multi-site ministry

☐ Revitalization initiative

☐ Other: _____

Funding Request Summary

In 100 words or fewer, summarize the ministry opportunity and intended use of grant funds.

Required Attachments

Please include the following:

- ☐ Project budget
- ☐ Current ministry/organization budget
- ☐ Congregational endorsement (for groups requesting funding who are not congregations)
- ☐ Additional supporting materials (optional)

MISSION OPPORTUNITY & MINISTRY PLAN

Provide a concise description of the ministry opportunity and your proposed plan.

Please limit your response to **500 words** for this section:

Purpose

The Community

Who are the people you are seeking to reach and serve?

The Opportunity

What ministry challenge, opportunity, or mission field has God placed before you?

Gospel Engagement

How will people encounter God's Word, hear the Gospel, and be invited into the life of the church?

Discipleship

How will participants be connected to worship, Bible study, Christian community, and ongoing spiritual care?

Leadership Development

How will volunteers and leaders be identified, equipped, and supported?

PARTNERSHIP, CAPACITY, & SUSTAINABILITY

Please be succinct in your responses.

Current Support

Describe congregational involvement, volunteer participation, financial commitments, and current partnerships supporting this ministry.

Future Sustainability

Describe plans for ongoing funding, leadership development, succession planning, and long-term ministry viability after grant funding concludes.

Missouri District Partnership

How does this ministry advance the mission and strategic priorities of the Missouri District?

CERTIFICATION

We certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge and that any grant funds received will be used in accordance with the purposes described herein.

Application Representative (Point of Contact)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Congregational or Governing Board Representative (if applicable)

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Reporting Commitment

Grant recipients agree to provide brief quarterly progress updates describing:

- Ministry activities completed
- Progress toward identified outcomes
- Significant opportunities and challenges
- Stewardship of grant funds
- Stories demonstrating Gospel impact

Reports are uploaded to a District SharePoint file folder dedicated to your project due the second Monday of April (1st Quarter activity), July (2nd Quarter), October (3rd Quarter), January (4th Quarter)

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit notice of intent by Jan. 15, 2027.
2. Participate in consultation with Missouri District staff throughout the process.
3. Draft proposal for review and District feedback submitted by Feb. 28, 2027.
4. Participate in a site visit or interview if requested.
5. Submit final completed application and any supporting attachments by March 31, 2027.
6. Missouri District considers all applications for funding during April and May 2027.
7. Funding decisions are communicated to applicants by May 31, 2027.
8. Funding is generally dispersed in monthly installments from July 2027 to June 2028.
9. Funded ministries provide agreed-upon progress reports and outcomes updates.

OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Applicants may provide:

- Community demographic information
- Strategic planning materials
- Letters of support
- Photographs
- Ministry brochures
- Partnership agreements
- Additional documentation demonstrating readiness, need, or projected impact

RESOURCES

- [Serving in God's Mission](#)
- [Every One His Witness](#)
- [Connect to Disciple](#)
- [Shepherding Our Strays](#)
- [Exploring God's Mission Here](#)
- [Church planting informational brochure](#)

MINISTRY OUTCOMES & EVALUATION

Worksheet, provided as a helpful tool — not a requirement

Identify up to three primary outcomes you expect to achieve during the grant period. Duplicate as desired.

Outcome 1

Desired Result

How will success be measured?

Key Ministry Activities

Target Completion Date