

ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS (ELCC) GRANTS

Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team
Holston Conference, The United Methodist Church

Guidelines

1. Ethnic Local Church Concerns (ELCC) grants are intended for construction or renovation of buildings used by ethnic local churches. ***These are one-time-only grants to be used by the local church for construction and renovation only; they are not to be used for program ministry support.***
2. Under extraordinary circumstances, a church *may* be considered for an ELCC Grant for a second year. A new application must be made for the second year. No assumption should be made about automatic approval. Each project will be in competition with other churches for funding.
3. The *minimum* ELCC Grant is \$1,000. Projects requiring less than \$1,000 should be able to secure local church funding. The *maximum* ELCC Grant is \$2,500.
4. No ELCC Grant will be made where the Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team funds constitute more than 2/3 of the total construction or renovation cost.
5. Application is done on a rolling basis each year as long as funds are available. Applications made after funds are depleted in a given year will be held for consideration in the following calendar year.
6. **All applications must be filed on the approved ELCC Grant Application Form with all required signatures.**
7. All Application Forms should be requested from and returned to the Office of Connectional Ministries, P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701-0850.
8. You are asked to provide Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team with a summary of the renovation or construction project and how it is progressing. The evaluation form will be mailed to you and is due to the Conference Office by September 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the grant is awarded.

ELCC GRANT APPLICATION

_____ Date

Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team
Holston Conference

1. Name of Church _____

Address _____

2. Pastor _____

Address _____

District _____ Superintendent _____

3. Officer of Church _____

Address _____

4. What is the ultimate goal of this proposed construction or renovation project? How will it contribute to ongoing life of your church? _____

5. **Church Profile** (Last calendar year)

Total Membership _____ Average Attendance Worship _____

Average Attendance Sunday School _____ Total Church Budget _____

Fair Share % Paid _____ Church Debt _____

6. **Financial Profile of Construction or Renovation Project** for which funds are requested

Projected Budget for Project (Attach a copy of budget.) _____

(total)

Cash on Hand for Project _____

Other Grants _____

Other Income _____

Grant Requested _____

(Minimum \$1,000; Maximum \$2,500)

Financial Plan to sustain this construction or renovation project beyond this grant

7. What group(s) in your church has/have approved the project?

_____ Church Council/Board

_____ Finance Committee

_____ Trustees

_____ Other? _____

8. Is this projected construction or renovation project the result of a disaster which struck your property?

_____ Yes _____ No Explain: _____

9. Date that plans and this request for an ELCC Grant were reviewed by the District Superintendent?

10. What group in your church will be in charge of supervision and evaluation of the grant? _____

Signed _____

Pastor

Phone

Signed _____

Officer of Church

Phone

Signed _____

District Superintendent

Phone

Date signed _____

Mail to:

Office of Connectional Ministries

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