

NEW JERSEY SYNOD FUND FOR MISSION

Criteria for Grants

Every year the New Jersey Synod Fund for Mission uses investment income to provide resources for special mission needs that might otherwise go unmet.

In order to determine grant recipients, the Fund's Management Committee receives proposals from Synod program units, mission clusters, congregations, officers, and Synod Council. These proposals are evaluated, and recommendations are made to the Synod Council for funding.

As it makes decisions, the Management Committee is guided by the following criteria (proposals need not meet every criterion):

1. The proposed program shall be one that could not normally be funded by the operating budget of the Synod or ELCA Churchwide Ministries, or by the agency for whom the grant is sought.
2. Preference is given for initiating new mission ventures: providing seed money and/or leveraging other funds for mission.
3. Preference is given to projects having a direct relationship to the urban character of the Synod.
4. Preference is given to projects that are inclusive with regard to color, language, ages, and sex of persons.
5. Preference is given to projects that address the needs of the disadvantaged, especially the poor, mentally and physically challenged, and the powerless.
6. Preference is given to projects that enable the Synod to develop new ministries to meet needs occasioned by societal change.

Grant recipients will be requested to evaluate their respective projects for report to the Fund for Mission Management Committee by September 1 of the year following receipt of the funds.

The deadline for receipt of grant requests to be considered is June 30, annually. Payment will be made following Synod Council approval.

**New Jersey Synod Fund for Mission
Application for Funding**

Date: _____ Funding Request for calendar year: _____

Name of applicant ministry: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Contact Person: _____

Synod program unit, mission cluster, officer sponsoring application:

Section 1:

Mission project name and brief description: _____

Project goals: _____

Project plan outline: _____

Section 2:

Amount of funding requested: \$ _____

If this project is in place, how is it presently funded? _____

Will this project require funding beyond next year? _____

If so, what is the plan for funding? _____

Describe local resources to be invested in the project: _____

(Over)

Section 3:

Describe this project's relationship to, or potential impact upon, any of the following:

Urban ministry: _____

Inclusiveness and celebration of diversity (color, language, ages, sexes) _____

Needs of the disadvantaged: _____

Mission innovation in changing situations: _____

Partnership with other ministries: _____

Section 4:

Attach a proposed spending plan for the project, including staff costs, facilities needed, and program costs. Additional materials may also be attached, if such would be helpful in understanding the reason for or intent of the mission project.

**Please complete and return by June 30 to :
New Jersey Synod Fund for Mission, 1930 State Highway 33, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690**