

LCMS Southern District Spirit Kindle Grant Expectations

Description and Purpose

The Southern District Mission Committee offers Spirit Kindle Grants to congregations, circuits, and ministries within the District to enable missional outreach when other financial resources are unavailable. The purpose of Spirit Kindle Grants is to partner with congregations to ignite the world with Christ's love through projects that address evangelistic outreach and/or human care ministry endeavors. Highest priority is given to new and expanded efforts to reach unbelievers and the unchurched in our communities.

Grant Criteria

Spirit Kindle Grants are intended to enhance outreach efforts such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Launch new ministries or congregations
- Assess new mission opportunities
- Develop missional leadership
- Equip the church for outreach activities
- Enable servant evangelism events or projects
- Assist congregations in their efforts to do human care ministry

A firm congregational commitment, through funds and volunteer service, is a necessity, which must include a comprehensive plan, with the right people, at the right time and place. Additional resources for planning, generating ideas, and ensuring follow-through are available from the Mission Committee through the contact listed below.

In most cases, Spirit Kindle Grants should be considered supplemental funds, and may be awarded up to \$5,000. Each approved grant request will be assigned to a Mission Committee member, who will act as an advisor to the congregation for the duration of the project.

Grant requests are normally considered at Mission Committee quarterly meetings. To allow time for proper review, the Spirit Kindle Grant Application must be submitted at least three weeks prior to those quarterly meetings.

Grants must be submitted electronically by email to the Mission Committee Chairman, Rev. Jason Scheler (j.scheler@southernlcms.org).