



Rocky Mountain Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Lilly 3E Grant Initiative 2020-2022

Emergency Grants

Grant Amount: up to \$1,000

A person can apply for up to \$1,000 to be used towards an emergency expense. An emergency expense is constituted as an unexpected expense that if not dealt with promptly can have immediate serious consequences which impact the applicant's home, health or work. All possible avenues of alternative relief should be investigated and applied for before application is made to this grant. This includes use of personal savings and available credit.

Eligibility & Guidelines:

- All rostered ministers and active candidates (all categories) of the Rocky Mountain Synod will be eligible to apply.
- Grant recipients are eligible to apply for another Emergency grant in the following grant year after receiving a Medical Debt Relief Grant or Emergency Grant. The Grants Board may award multiple grants in successive years to the same rostered minister, but the Board will assure that as many rostered ministers as possible can take advantage of the Fund, so successive grants are not automatically assured.
- For critical cases, the emergency funds could be used as the contribution to trigger the match on the Medical Debt Relief grant (if congregation is not supportive or a financial source other than the grant applicant is non-existent). This action will be at the discretion of Bp. Jim Gonia and/or the 3E Grants Board.
- Prior to submitting a grant application, the applicant must schedule a 1:1 phone appointment with LSS Financial Counseling (in partnership with Portico Benefit Services) and submit a copy of the "Certificate of Attendance" to the RMS Lilly 3E program acknowledging completion of the counseling session.
- Emergency Grant applications will be reviewed by Bp. Jim Gonia and the 3E Grants Board.
- Proof of emergency expense incurred must be provided.
- All grant awards will be paid directly to the source of the emergency expense.

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