



California-Nevada-Hawaii District Church Extension Fund

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Church Extension Fund Policy on Grants Preamble

The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Church Extension Fund (CEF) was formed by the CNH District at the 1994 convention as a sub-corporation of the CNH District. Its purpose was to challenge and assist congregations of the District in its mission to spread the Gospel through loans for building. CEF's first president, the Rev. Ted Iverson, was mission executive of the CNH District at the time, which led to mission being at the heart of all work done through CEF.

At the beginning of 2016, CEF consolidated with the national Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) in St Louis. All loans, loan requests, and investments, now rest with LCEF.

As a result of the consolidation, 1.4 million dollars of the remaining assets are available for mission grants to congregations, the CNH Board of Directors or the CNH Mission Agency, for projects that will enhance the mission and outreach ministries within the District. The cultural climate in which the CNH District exists today calls not just for mission to be at the heart of all its efforts but for a refocusing of the church's role in the mission of God. Grant funds are available primarily for congregational/mission/outreach work and for CNH mission/outreach work.

If the CEF is dissolved by the District convention in 2018, any remaining funds will go to the CNH District or the Mission Agency of the District for mission grants that comply with the attached Criteria for Grants.

The CEF Board of Directors will determine the recipients of the grants.

The District president has the right to attend board meetings but does not have the right to vote. Board members who are connected with congregations or entities requesting grants shall recuse themselves from voting on such applications.

Any grant requisition should be submitted to the CEF Board of Directors. A sample application is available by e-mail from glenna@cnh-lcms.org. While following this sample application form is not required in preparing your grant request, it is provided as a very helpful tool.

Given the preamble above, the criteria for grants from the current (2016) CEF funds are listed below.

CRITERIA FOR GRANTS FROM CEF

1. They must be focused on serving the community to touch lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. There must be a clear plan for sustainable ministry.
3. The plan may include training for missional opportunities for younger-generation Christians as well as seasoned Christians.
4. The plan should center on the new ministry of the baptized, not primarily in the ministry of the pastor.
5. The plan should include how the applicants are investing time in the mission project.
6. The plan should include the percentage of financial resources provided by the applicant(s): the congregations, Mission Agency, or the CNH District.
7. The plan should include the possible long-term benefits from the project.
8. The purpose of the grant is not for existing salary and benefits or for existing ongoing operational expenses.
9. The project should have a time-line and due dates for specific activities.
10. The project should include progress reports to be reviewed and evaluated by the CEF Board.
11. The project should include intentional follow-up for ministry.

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