



California-Nevada-Hawaii District Church Extension Fund

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Church Extension Fund Grant Application

Church Extension Fund Grants 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.

To apply for a grant, please provide the following items:

1. Congregation or District name, address, contact person and phone number
2. A description and date for the project
3. Demonstrate a goal to connect with your community
4. Divulge other funding sources from inside and outside the congregation
5. Provide a Mission plan for your project that encompasses the following criteria for CEF grants:
 - a. They must be focused on serving the community to touch lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - b. There must be a clear plan for sustainable ministry.
 - c. The plan may include training for missional opportunities for younger-generation Christians as well as seasoned Christians.
 - d. The plan should center on the new ministry of the baptized, not primarily in the ministry of the pastor.
 - e. The plan should include how the applicants are investing time in the mission project.
 - f. The plan should include the percentage of financial resources provided by the applicant(s): the congregations, Mission Agency, or the CNH District.
 - g. The plan should include the possible long-term benefits from the project.
 - h. The purpose of the grant is not for existing salary and benefits or for existing ongoing operational expenses.
 - i. The project should have a time-line and due dates for specific activities.
 - j. The project should include progress reports to be reviewed and evaluated by the CEF Board.
 - k. The project should include intentional follow-up for ministry.
6. The amount of grant money anticipated.
7. After completing your mission event and/or significantly engaging in your mission project, you will be asked to write a brief reflection (200-500 words) on what your congregation learned and what the next steps might be. If mutually agreed upon, this reflection may be used in a CNH Mission publication.
8. Questions regarding the grants should be sent to Glenna at the email address below. A CEF member will respond to your question as soon as practical.

Please send your completed application to Glenna Sanlis at glenna@cnh-lcms.org.