

# **Indiana-Kentucky Synod Grants for ELCA Congregations, SAWCs, SAOMs, and Campus Ministries Food Ministry Grant**

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Food Ministries: Grants to assist mission centers of the synod to continue to fund their own food ministries such as food pantries or community meals.

Criteria:

- Available to any ELCA Congregation, Synod Authorized Worshipping Community, Synod Authorized Outreach Ministries, or Campus Ministry in Indiana or Kentucky.
- These are not pass-through grants for funding other ministries or organizations (i.e., a pass-through would be purchasing food and then giving it to a community organization, or giving the money to a community organization or another congregation).
- Only one grant will be awarded per food ministry and per congregation.
- The application must include an itemized budget on the completed table included in the application.
- Maximum grant request: \$1,000.
- Matching amount 10%, meaning the grant recipient will show the additional 10% above and beyond the grant amount.
- If awarded a grant, a ministry commits to reporting. This includes fund usage, but more importantly, stories of the ministry, positive outcomes, folks met, community increased to be told in pictures, numbers of hairnets, cans of beans, whatever paints the picture.
- Grant deadline: April 13, 2026

**Application for Food Ministry Grant Funds  
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for ELCA Congregations, SAWCs, SAOMs, and Campus Ministries**

**Name of Ministry  
Congregation/SAWC/SAOM/  
Campus:**

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**Mailing Address:**

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**Contact Person:**

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**Email:**

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**Phone:**

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**Please describe the food ministry that will be funded by this grant:**

**Length of time this food ministry has been  
happening (if already established)**

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**Frequency of this ministry: (weekly/monthly):**

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**Hours of operation for this ministry:**

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**Average people served by this ministry each time  
it occurs:**

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**Number of Volunteers:**

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**Number of Volunteer hours:**

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**How do you advertise to the community?**

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What kind of support do you receive or outside resources do you make use of for this ministry beyond your congregation/SAWC/SAOM, Campus Ministry? (ie food banks, community gardens, other organizations like Gleaners/Feeding America)

In what ways has/will the grant help pivot your mission toward increased visibility in the community?

How does this ministry impact your community?

Specifically, how will this grant money be used to support your food ministry?

Requested grant amount (up to \$1,000): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry 10% share of requested amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please itemize on budget form on page 4.*

**Please return this application to Missy Schroeder at [mschroeder@iksynod.org](mailto:mschroeder@iksynod.org) by April 13, 2026. Thank you!**

