



Grand Canyon Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Lilly 3E Grant Initiative 2020-2022

Medical Debt Relief Grants

Minimum Grant Amount: up to \$2,000

Maximum Grant Amount: \$4,000

A person can apply for up to \$2,000 to be used towards outstanding medical expense. If medical expense exceeds \$2,000, a contribution to the GCS 3E Program of up to \$1,000 (raised by either the congregation or a source other than the grant applicant) will be matched by 3E up to \$1,000. The maximum amount of a grant application cannot exceed \$4,000.

Eligibility & Guidelines:

- All rostered ministers and active candidates (all categories) of the Grand Canyon Synod will be eligible to apply.
- Grant recipients are eligible to apply for another Medical Debt Relief 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.
- 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 GCS Lilly 3E program acknowledging completion of the counseling session.
- Proof of medical expense incurred must be provided. Insurance premiums are not eligible.
- All grant awards will be paid directly to the source of the medical debt.