

Guidelines for submitting a LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT Mission Grant Proposal

Eligibility and Endorsement:

Appeals for LWML Iowa West District grants may be submitted by an individual Iowa West LWML member, group or zone with the appropriate endorsements of the applicant's president and the pastor/counselor. Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS (LCMS RSO) looking for an LWML Iowa West sponsor, may contact the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries, Brenda Dryer, whose contact information is listed below.

Grant Guidelines:

In addition to giving preference to grants within Iowa West, all mission grant proposals shall:

- ✓ be strictly MISSION in character
- ✓ fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS
- ✓ be current and ready for implementation, well documented
- ✓ be assured of continued maintenance after the allocated mites are exhausted
- ✓ not have been funded by the last convention
- ✓ be endorsed properly (refer to Cover Signature Sheet)

Proposals consist of:

1. **The Cover Signature Sheet**
2. **The Proposal in "Whereas" format**
3. **The Information Paper**

Send all the above via email (preferably) to the LWML Iowa West District Vice President for Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries – Brenda Dryer / bsdryer50@gmail.com / 641/420/3556 / 5505 Springbrook Drive Ames, IA 50014 by **OCTOBER 31, 2023**.

Signature Page

- Grants within IWD require signature of submitter, Group President, and an LCMS Pastor or Counselor
- Grants outside of IWD *additionally* require signature of our IDW LCMS President
- Foreign (out of the U.S.) grants *additionally* require signature of the Chief Mission Officer of the Office of International Mission and should be sent to Mary Hamilton (address below) for her assistance.

The Proposal

Whereas,	state goal/God's command, how it will enable people to learn of Jesus; and
Whereas	state the need; and
Whereas	state the purpose for the funds, how used; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the LWML Iowa West District assembled in its (state date) Convention at Camp Okoboji adopt as a mission grant for the (state biennium) the allocation of (state \$ amount) for (state grant proposal name).

The Information Paper

- Clearly state how grant fulfills criteria listed above.
- Give details such as cost of materials, supplies, land, facilities, construction, equipment, and program budget.
- If the proposed grant is funded by other sources, clearly state the total project amount and the source from which remaining funds will come.
- State the name, address, phone, and e-mail address of the contact person who will implement the project, administer the funds and conduct the follow-up.

Resources:

Our bylaws state, "Preference shall be given to grants that are within Iowa West over those that would send funds outside of the district". One fourth of all mites received in our district are forwarded to National LWML for National LWML Mission Grants, and it is unlikely that other districts will fund projects in Iowa West. Therefore, our district grants are the best way to support our Iowa West needs. Our LWML Iowa West District bylaws state that no grant receiving funds shall appear on the ballot at a successive LWML IWD convention. Once you have an idea for a grant, check current grants before beginning the process.

To get suggestions for a grant contact the missions themselves, consult the District, Mission Central, Synod at <https://www.lcms.org/missionand-outreach>, or email Mary Hamilton (address below) for information on current mission needs.

Contacts:

District:

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Mission Central- LCMS World Mission

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Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Mary Hamilton
Grants Manager - Mission Advancement
1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295
Phone : 314.996.1310 email: mary.hamilton@lcms.org

Procedure for Grant Approval:

- V.P. will check proposal for necessary requirements.
- The V.P. will send a complete packet with all submissions to Assistant to the President Missions, Human Care & Stewardship endorsements and in agreement with National LWML policy, which is to share this information for the benefit of all parties.
- After the October 31st deadline the V.P. sends copies to LWML IWD President, counselors, appointed LWML Grant Committee, and to Assistant to the President Missions, Human Care & Stewardship IDW LCMS for further review and evaluation.
- The Grant Committee will meet to select proposals for the convention ballot.
- Convention delegates vote and adopt the grants.
- Funds will be available to adopted grants for four years.
- District LWML members respond to God's presence, power, peace, and plenty in their lives with mites, prayers, personal involvement, and encouragement for mission grants.

Additional Information:

- ♦ If your grant is selected for the ballot, you will be contacted to provide 3-5 proposal related photos for the grant proposal presentation at convention.
- ♦ In the communications with your chosen recipient avoid duplicate submissions if possible.

The deadline is October 31st of odd numbered years. Grant proposals must be RECEIVED by the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries, Brenda Dryer by that date.