

ELFEC Partner Grant Program: 2022

What is the Partner Grant Program?

ELFEC is offering a matching grant to our investment partner congregations and institutions to address social needs and/or environmental impact in their church community, as well as support for projects and new mission initiatives for their greater community. Also, we are continuing to offering matching grants for projects which respond to and help with recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic within their own community. In 2022, we are extending the eligibility to any congregation who is sponsored by their Synod, as each Synod in the ELCIC is an investment partner with ELFEC.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for project proposals from partner organizations, which we can support with a grant of up to \$3,000 but not more than 75% of the total project costs. Grants are available for activities that make a social and/or environmental impact. Grants will be awarded under any of the three following project objectives:

- Elimination of poverty in Canada.
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Low income and/or senior meal program
 - Food for life program
 - Life necessity items program

- Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and advancement of Indigenous social and economic goal.
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Advancing awareness/education
 - Lunch or breakfast program for healthy start
 - Community work programs
 - Children music programs / camps

- Promotion of the sustainable use of our environmental resources, including the atmosphere, land and water.
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Energy efficient lighting upgrades
 - Furnace thermostat upgrades to reduce consumption



- Installation/upgrades water reducing toilets in building
- installation of energy saving hand dryers
- Rain barrel program

Finally, grants are available for activities that make a social impact focused on the **Elimination of poverty in Canada, specifically magnified by the current pandemic.**

Examples of projects to consider:

1. Low income meal program
2. Food for life program
3. Outreach programs for most vulnerable
4. Support for creative housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness
5. Community garden projects for sustainable food supply
6. Life necessity items program

This list is not meant to be exhaustive; ideas for projects listed above are only examples and grants will **NOT be limited** to these examples. Use your imagination and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit! Every application will be considered. One small note however: generally, we do not support salary related costs for proposals. In calculating project cost, salaries/wages and in-kind costs will **not** normally be included.

All ELFEC partners and congregations sponsored by their Synod are eligible.

Now what?

A Grant Application Form is available on our website at www.elfec.ca/grants. The deadline to submit these forms is June 30, 2022, either to kkuehnbaum@elfec.ca or through regular mail to the ELFEC Office. Notification of grants awarded will be made in Summer 2022.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Krista at 1-888-308-9461 ext. 3, or kkuehnbaum@elfec.ca.