

ELFEC Partner Grant Program

What is the Partner Grant Program?

ELFEC is offering a matching grant to any of 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.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for project proposals from congregations, which we can support with a grant of up to \$2,000 but not more than 50% 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 four following project objectives:

- Clean and renewable energy, or reduced energy consumption.
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Installing solar panels and enrollment in provincial sell back programs
 - Energy efficient lighting upgrades
 - Furnace thermostat upgrades to reduce consumption

- Protecting and preserving clean water, or reducing water consumption
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Installation/upgrades water reducing toilets in building
 - installation of energy saving hand dryers
 - Rain barrel program

- Sustainable agriculture and food
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Creation or Upgrade of Community garden
 - Food for life program
 - Creation or support for local farmers market

- Focus on Health improvement
Examples of projects to consider:
 - Creation of blood donation program
 - Program for increase in available/accessible/education flu vaccination
 - Lunch or breakfast program for healthy start

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.

Please note, preference will be given to new programs not previously which have received a grant in 2017.

Now what?

A Grant Application Form is available on our website at www.elfec.ca/grants. The deadline to submit these forms is October 31, 2018, either to kkuehnbaum@elfec.ca or through regular mail to the ELFEC Office. Notification of grants awarded will be made in November 2018.

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Krista at 905 407 4262, kkuehnbaum@elfec.ca.