

PACIFICA SYNOD, ELCA
MATTHEW 25 FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Application Deadline – October 15, 2026

BACKGROUND: Jerry and Lynda Engelhardt have established this fund to help the hungry and homeless and others in need, as well as helping congregations develop and expand their community outreach programs.

PURPOSE: To provide funding to enable congregations/organizations to help people described in Matthew 25: 35–40. *“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me. I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

APPLICANT CONGREGATION/ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$1,000 MAX): _____

IS THIS A NEW OR CONTINUING MINISTRY: _____

☐ **I CONFIRM THAT I UNDERSTAND & HAVE MET ALL REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA LISTED BELOW**

REQUIREMENT OF APPLICANT:

- Write a full description (one page suggested) of the project/program and how the money will be spent. Describe how it will fulfill the spirit of Matthew 25 and how it will benefit the congregation or organization responsible for the project. List additional funding sources for this project/program.
- If a grant is awarded, the applicant agrees to submit a written report (using the reporting form provided) to the Pacifica Synod by October 15, 2027 telling how the monies were spent, matching funds raised and what results were achieved to be considered for awards in future years.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD:

1. The primary criteria may be found in Matthew 25 (refer to “Purpose”). Secondary criteria is that the project will help establish and/or maintain congregational outreach and unity.
2. Applicant congregations must be contributing Synod Mission Support regularly.
3. Applicant congregations must have filed their 2025 ELCA Congregational (Parochial) Report.
4. Preference will be given to congregations in the Pacifica Synod of ELCA. If funds allow, consideration may be given to other Christian organizations with proven responsible management.

Submit application and narrative by email to: Terri Robertson – terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org

Or mail to: Pacifica Synod, ELCA, 1801 Park Court Place, Bldg. C, Santa Ana, CA 92701