



SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS COVID-19 RESPONSE INITIATIVE

The Kansas District is pleased to be partnering with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) in the COVID-19 Soldiers of the Cross Response Initiative, which will provide a limited number of grants to rostered workers and other eligible individuals who have suffered a financial setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you're eligible and need assistance, we encourage you to apply for a grant.

Eligibility for Application

- LCMS-rostered ordained or commissioned ministers
- Surviving spouses of retired LCMS-rostered ordained or commissioned ministers
- Non-rostered (lay) LCMS district, church, school or RSO employees
- Church workers from partner churches who are residing in the U.S.

Criteria

Soldiers of the Cross (SOC) is the grant program through which the LCMS may respond to a financial crisis that arises unexpectedly in a church worker's life. SOC grants address situations in which the short-term financial help requested will demonstrably help to alleviate the immediate crisis. Funds provide only short-term assistance, usually to cover a period of 30–90 days.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Health or medical crisis
- Counseling
- Financial incapacity of a church congregation or organization to pay workers
- Transition relating to employment or family crisis
- Legal situation
- Traumatic event

Application Procedure

- Our grant administrator in the Kansas District is Rev. Dan Galchutt (dangalchutt@kslcms.org or 785-357-4441, ext. 222); **applicants need to contact Rev. Galchutt before completing the grant request.**
- All district-reviewed and endorsed SOC COVID-19 grant requests will be submitted by the district to LCMS Soldiers of the Cross. Rev. Galchutt will then work with applicants to complete the application process in the LCMS Soldiers of the Cross portal.
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.