

SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS COVID-19 RESPONSE INITIATIVE

The Texas 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

- Applicants need to contact the Texas District Grant Administrator, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hohle (ghohle@txlcms.org or 512-926-4272, X-224) to complete 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.
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.