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Dear Grant Applicant,

The Arkansas Oklahoma Synod Endowment fund appreciates your interest in applying for a grant. The application form is enclosed for your group to complete. Please retype the form if needed to provide space for as much information as needed.

The purpose of Endowment Fund Grants is to plant seeds, in other words, to fund projects that congregations are committed to pursuing and have a plan in place to accomplish their goal. Endowment funds are not intended to be used to sustain ongoing ministries, projects or programs.

The Endowment Fund is designed to fund projects on **the local, national and international level**. The category your project fits needs to be clear to the committee.

No funds will be granted for any fundraising projects.

The application should explain fully: the **objective** of the project; the **need** the project will meet; **step by step** how the project will be completed; the **goals** you hope to reach through this project and how you will **report** the story of your project to your cluster, synod and beyond.

The **budget** information is very important to your application.

- List other sources of funding and funds currently in hand, pledges and projects to assist with funding.
- Explain how this project will be continued (without Endowment Funds) if it is to be a continuing ministry.

Prepare and submit a **report** to the Endowment Committee following the project giving the results of the project (number of people served, number of times the event occurred). The committee will use this report to share our stewardship of Endowment funds with the Arkansas Oklahoma Synod.

The Endowment Fund Committee is responsible to the Synod for using wisely the funds entrusted to the Synod. The Committee prayerfully considers each request and seeks to be good stewards by spreading the funds to as many projects as possible. This sometimes results in less than the requested amount being granted. We thank you for your partnership in mission and ministry, because we firmly believe and trust that we can be better when we work together for the sake of the Gospel.

In Christ,
AR-OK Endowment Fund Committee

Boldly Sharing God's Grace with Everyone