

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are down to the deadline for 2024 grant application submissions. As I browse the front page of the Pacific Southwest LWML website, [www.psdlwml.org](http://www.psdlwml.org), I realize there are only four weeks remaining to submit a grant.. Remember September 15, 2023, is the deadline for all grant applications. This means the applications must reach me by September 15th.

We know that there are many needs in our District. What are the needs in your community? Look around your church community and identify where a mite grant might help. Lutheran Preschools, Elementary, and High Schools can always use new equipment, computer-aided learning tools, scholarships, and help fund special events. Youth groups need help to fund youth volunteer service projects. Many churches could use help funding new ministries that reach into their communities. Please **encourage others in your zone to do the same!!!**

In addition to helping your own church, look around and identify community services of Christian love that could use additional funding, such as Rescue Missions, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, and safe havens for battered women and children. Think about your most recent guest speakers. Could their organizations use a grant? The most critical criteria to be eligible for a mite grant is their purpose and ability to share Christ. Do they bring God's presence into the recipient's lives in a direct and meaningful way? Be sure to ask if the organization receives any state or federal grants. If they do, they are often restricted from sharing Christ as part of their programs.

Time is of the essence! Take a look at the grant application and guidelines that are posted at [www.psdlwml.org](http://www.psdlwml.org) under Resources, then Forms. Read the application carefully and answer all the questions. Remember to have your pastor sign the request, (all signatures must be in BLUE ink), and send 8 copies with the original. When the application is complete, read the grant carefully and ask others to proofread for you to avoid mistakes. Please remember that I am here to help at any step of the way. If you have questions, you may reach me at [sunflower.nana2015@gmail.com](mailto:sunflower.nana2015@gmail.com) or 702-743-3258. My contact information is also at the bottom of the Grant application.

Don't forget about the Multicultural Mini Grants. You will also find the application and guidelines on the website!

Joyfully serving,

Bonnie Karch

Vice President of Gospel Outreach