

Southern California Nevada Conference (SCNC)
Provisional Grant Application
Quarter 1: 2025

The Board of Directors of the Southern California Nevada Conference (SCNC) of the United Church of Christ is pleased to announce open applications for grants that will empower leaders, congregations, and communities. With our mission of extravagant Christian love, we seek to support initiatives that strengthen local churches and communities in living out our core values.

Deadline for first round of applications: January 31, 2025

Funding Overview

We seek to support projects or programs that demonstrate and advance SCNC's core values of

Loving community—extravagant hospitality and inclusivity

Equipping leaders—developing educated, innovative, and ethical lay and clergy

Building the future—mission-centric and relational, with long-term impact

Seeking justice—responding to our faith's call to actively pursue justice in our world

At this time, we are offering the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$25,000. Grants are a one-time financial gift without expectation of repayment. We are developing guidelines for the possibility of loans or investments for future funding cycles, but we are not currently able to respond to loan requests.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants

- Primary applicant must be a member of a local church of the SCNC in good standing. Churches who regularly and faithfully support giving through Our Church's Wider Mission will receive priority consideration for funding.
- Any clergy serving the local church must be Authorized Ministers with standing in the UCC, or dual standing. Considerations will be made for clergy who do not have standing with the SCNC but have a record of good communication with the Committee on Ministry.
- At the completion of the funding period, grant recipients must submit a report detailing results and impact. We encourage reports that share stories and images suitable for SCNC newsletters and social media.
- Projects that support the ministries and programs of a local church will receive priority consideration over projects requesting funds that will be directed to neighboring non-profits.

Application

General Information

Name of Primary Applicant:

Church Name:

Address:

Clergy Name (if not primary applicant):

Contact Information (email and phone):

1. Project Details

Project Title:

Project Category (select one):

- Loving Community
- Equipping Leaders
- Building the Future
- Seeking Justice

Anticipated Start and Completion Dates:

Project Description (maximum 300 words):

How does the project support the SCNC mission and core values? (maximum 300 words)

Expected Outcomes (maximum 300 words):

2. Financial Information

Total Amount Requested:

Project Budget (also **attach detailed budgetary breakdown**):

Church's Current Annual Operating Budget (also attach full budget):

Church's Total Current Assets (checking, savings, endowments, and restricted funds):

Other Funding Sources Sought:

Amounts Requested:

Status of Applications (pending, approved, or denied):

3. Reporting Commitment

By submitting this application, recipients agree to provide a post-project report detailing:

- How funds were used (Actual income and expenses)
- What happened, participation, and outcomes assessment
- Stories or images suitable for SCNC newsletters and social media

Check box to confirm agreement:

4. Submission

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2025 to Conference Staff by emailing Ms. Virginia Arroyo (arroyo@scncucc.org) and Rev. Rachael Pryor (pryor@scncucc.org).

5. Grant Review and Decision Timeline

Applications will be assessed and funding determinations made based on the alignment to SCNC's mission and values, feasibility and clarity of the proposed plan, and the anticipated impact. Funding decisions will be announced by March 2025.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.