

2019 Lifeline Fund Grant Amounts Increase

The Lifeline Steering Committee announces good news for 2019! The committee, chaired by the Rev. Adrienne Martin, submitted to Synod Council certain changes to the grant amounts the Lifeline Fund is allowed to give in 2019. The council approved those changes at their December, 2018, meeting.

Now is the time to take advantage of new grant amounts!
Here are the changes:

Medical Emergencies For **every** \$750 in unreimbursed (out of pocket) medical expenses in a family unit or individual, the fund will reimburse \$500.

Retirement Savings

- a. For those whose defined compensation is less than \$70,000, \$500 will be granted
- b. For those whose defined compensation is less than \$70,000 AND who are 55 years old or older, \$1000 will be granted
- c. For those whose defined compensation is less than \$70,000 AND who are 55 years old or older AND who are being paid below North Carolina Synod Guidelines, the grant will be \$1,500

Education Debt Relief The grant amount is increased to \$1,750 from \$1,200.

Credit Card Debt Relief Those who still have more than \$5,000 in credit card debt, even though you have previously received a grant, may REAPPLY for an additional 10% of your credit card balance.

Rostered Leaders Emergency Aid. This fund is nearing depletion so there are no proposed changes to this grant line.

Partnering Congregation Compensation Support A proposal to adapt the requirements is being considered. Contact your DEM, [the Rev. Danielle DeNise](#), or [Pastor John Mocko](#) to inquire about this grant category.

APPLY SOON! You may receive a grant from more than one category. [Check out the application today.](#) Contact Lifeline Fund Program Director, [Pastor John Mocko](#) (336-596-4517), with your questions.