

COCHUSA Congress KidsCONNECT

FAQs



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Highlights

- October of 2024: The Congress applied for a grant worth \$789,655.00 from the Lily Endowment
- March 2025: The Congress received notice of awarded grant for 2025-2028.
- There will be Two Cohorts over 4 years of 12 churches each.




Who is this grant for?

Any COCHUSA church with 10 or more children (ages 12 and under) that attend weekly are welcomed to apply.



What is this grant for?

The Lily Endowment granted funds to organizations to enhance and create worship and prayer opportunities for children across the nation within the Sunday morning service. We will do just that!



Strengthening
Worship and
Prayer Practices
for Children

Integrating
Worship and
Prayer into Daily
Life

Fostering Bible
Storytelling in
Worship and
Prayer

What is the focus?

Each Cohort Member
Church must work to
enhance worship and
prayer in children in 3 areas:

Children will
grow spiritually
and experience
more leadership
opportunities

Families
will feel a
sense of
belonging

Congregations
will feel
more like a
community

What are the desired outcomes?

Each Cohort Member Church
will see development in
3 areas:

What are the requirements?

Each church must have 1 dedicated person to communicate with the program director. This person must attend bi-monthly cohort meetings and the National Convention Friday and Saturday of each year (funds are available).

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Bi-Monthly Meetings

Report to full cohort to share ideas

Attend National Convention



What type of ideas/programs work for this grant?

We encourage you to be innovative (but this is not required). You can use this grant to **enhance** an existing program **OR create** something new.

Some broad ideas include:
music, painting, dance, prayer,
poetry, storytelling, etc.

The possibilities are **endless**.





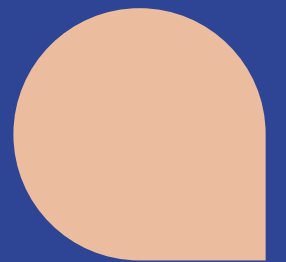
**Are there
restrictions on
how funds
may be used?**

Yes, the funds may only support Cohort Member churches. The funds must be used to create or enhance worship and prayer for children. There is a proposal and budget approved by the Lily Endowment that we must adhere to.

Will my church receive money?

No, not directly.

Your church will have access to funds to purchase equipment and resources.





Where's the money going?

The Congress will open a separate account for the management of funds from the Lily Foundation. There will be a yearly report to the Congress Board.

Average of \$ 197,000 Per Year



What if my church doesn't have a pastor right now?

You must get the approval/ letter of support of the level up i.e.
District Chairman.



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You are included!

What if my church is not chosen?

There will be opportunities to learn at the National Convention alongside Cohort Members during training sessions with children ministry experts.

A children's devotional will come out each year that you and your church will access to.

The second round of applications for Cohort 2 will begin in Feb 2027.



Who do I contact with I have questions?

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