

## Guidelines

### Eligibility for grant access

We want to make our guidelines for Sharing Fund eligibility work for congregations! So, we based them on Everence Advocate input and our desire to extend the availability of grant money throughout the year.

How much each congregation is eligible for in grant money will depend on two things:

- A. Advocate activity in the congregation, and
- B. The number of Everence members in the congregation.

### **A. Advocate/Congregation activities**

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#### **Level 1**

If your congregation appoints an advocate and records it with Everence, then you are at Level 1.

**Congregations at this level are eligible for up to \$250 in grants.**

#### **Level 2**

Two Star Advocates must complete all five activities (A-E) noted below.

- A. Within their congregations, use **one** Everence educational resource or have church members participate in one Everence educational event.
- B. Participate in **one** advocate training activity.
- C. Connect **one or two** people with Everence, Everence Federal Credit Union or LSS Financial Counseling.
- D. Share information about Everence with your congregation **four times**.
- E. Report these advocate activities by returning at least **two** quarterly reports.

**Congregations with Two Star Advocates are eligible for up to \$500 in grants.**

#### **Level 3**

Three Star Advocates must complete all five activities (A-E) noted below.

- A. Within their congregations, use **two or more** Everence educational resources or have church members participate in two or more Everence educational events or one of each.
- B. Participate in **two or more** advocate training activities.
- C. Connect **three or more** people with Everence, Everence Federal Credit Union, or LSS Financial Counseling.
- D. Share information about Everence with your congregation **eight or more times**.
- E. Report these advocate activities by returning all **four** quarterly report forms.

**Congregations with Three Star Advocates are eligible for up to \$1,000 in grants.**

### **B. Everence membership**

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In addition to the above, congregations at all levels can earn **more** Sharing Fund grant money based on the percentage of members of their congregation who are Everence members.\* See details below.

If your church has:

- 10-19 percent Everence membership – An additional \$500.
- 20-29 percent Everence membership – An additional \$1,000.
- 30+ percent Everence membership – An additional \$2,000.

*\*Everence membership is based on ownership of Everence or Everence Federal Credit Union products.*

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