

Grant Guidelines

Fostering Healthy Congregations

Fostering Healthy Congregations grants are designed to proclaim the Gospel and give glory to God by:

- Encouraging and funding initiatives at Member Congregations which foster healthy congregations, and intentional outreach and evangelism; and
- Enabling Member Congregations to reach those most in need.

These grants are for program and ministry to strengthen the church, reach out to the world, and to glorify God. They will not be awarded for equipment, furnishings, building repairs, property improvements, or for items that would be considered ordinary operating expenses.

If a Member Congregation wants to give a portion of their grant to other organizations, no more than \$2,500 will be considered. The following conditions apply:

- The goals and objectives of the organization receiving the funds from the Member Congregation should be compatible with the mission of The Lutheran Foundation.
- The congregation receiving the grant must have a personal investment in the ministry that it desires to support (financial support, volunteers, etc.)

A Member Congregation may submit only 1 grant application for the Fostering Healthy Congregations initiative. However, the congregation may have multiple requests on that single application.

Each request on the application must include:

1. A description of the initiative proposed, including staff and volunteers that will be required to accomplish the desired goal, and the projected cost.
2. A description of how the grant proposal will demonstrate the compassion of Christ.
3. If the grant is for church programming, how will this grant strengthen your congregation?
4. How will it help your congregation make Christ known in your community?
5. Why is Foundation funding necessary to accomplish the desired goal?

Grant applications will not be considered if outstanding reports have not been received by The Lutheran Foundation.