

Grant Guidelines

The Lutheran Foundation seeks to make Christ known by strengthening Lutheran congregations and ministries, and to demonstrate His compassion by supporting social ministries that nurture body, mind, and spirit.

A healthy community provides its people an environment that creates a state of positive physical, mental, spiritual, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or sickness.

1. Because Christ Jesus calls us to action and to show our faith in service to others, The Lutheran Foundation recognizes it has a unique opportunity to help through programs it supports. Priority is given to health care and social service ministries with faith-based resources that strengthen a community's capacity to reach those most in need.
2. The Foundation acknowledges the importance of Lutheran education and the role it plays in developing the Christian faith of individuals and families. It expresses its willingness to encourage, promote, and support Lutheran educational opportunities.
3. The Foundation primarily serves 10 counties in northeast Indiana: Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties.
4. While The Lutheran Foundation's primary interest is in faith and health, it recognizes that a broad range of programs and projects may benefit the people of northeast Indiana. The Board may, therefore, award grants that help the community in other ways which demonstrate Christ's compassion. Other types of social ministries from qualified organizations may be considered as well as those whose approach to a common need is unique or who incorporate others in meeting challenges.
5. Although it is not a priority, the Foundation is willing to consider funding of capital projects undertaken by nonprofit organizations. Capital is defined as buildings and any change to structures, including affixed items.
6. Proposals for projects that have been completed, deficit financing, fundraising, and promotional items are not considered. In addition, the Foundation does not fund individuals.
7. The Lutheran Foundation will not fund medical procedures which are destructive of life or programs which encourage them.

The Lutheran Foundation Board of Directors may from time to time expand upon their understanding and interpretation of these guidelines and may also make exceptions at their discretion.