

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 congregation will have three opportunities to submit an application for the Fostering Healthy Congregations initiative. An application may have multiple requests included in an application.

The application may include requests for:

- All of its FHC funding
- A balance of its FHC funding
- The balance of its funding if declined on the first application deadline of the year

Congregations are strongly encouraged to apply at the first application deadline. If a congregation applies by February 1, there is an opportunity to reapply by June 1 should any or all of the application be declined.

2011 FHC Application Deadline	FHC Decision Date
February 1, 2011	March 22, 2011 (<i>may reapply if declined</i>)
June 1, 2011	June 28, 2011
October 15, 2011	December 6, 2011