

How does a congregation apply for an LDSS grant?

Grants must be filed electronically between January 1 and March 31, 2022. Grant requesters must have access to Microsoft Word 2007 or newer. The grant application will be forwarded to each member congregation of LDSS prior to January 1.

Grant amounts range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000. The total amount available each year for grants is established by the LDSS bylaws. LDSS may adjust grant amounts if the total for all requested grants exceeds the amount available for distribution.

A Microsoft Word version of the grant is available on the LDSS website:

www.lutherandevlopment.org

When downloading the grant request, please save it to your computer by adding your congregation and city to the front of the file name (i.e. Community Lutheran Church – Anytown 2022 LDSS Grant Request Form).

Complete the application fully and follow all instructions. The grant description fields will expand as necessary to permit full descriptions of your proposal. Incomplete or improperly submitted requests may be rejected.

The completed application must be emailed by March 31, 2022 to Lorna Griess:

griessl@sbcglobal.net

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Ministry Grants 2022



**Lutheran
Development
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of Sacramento**

What is Lutheran Development Society?

The Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento (LDSS) oversees the LDSS Trust Fund established to support Lutheran religious or charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This support is accomplished through funding opportunities provided for projects supported by members of LDSS operating within a 50-mile radius of Sacramento.

LDSS was established when the Lutheran based "Pleasant Ridge Home" was disbanded. The assets from the sale of this East Sacramento retirement home were dedicated to this trust fund in May 2002. The annually elected trustees serve three year terms and agree to hold, manage and distribute funds annually up to 4% of the principal for the purpose of enhancing the ministry of Lutheran churches in the region.

Who is eligible for LDSS membership?

All Lutheran congregations operating within a 50-mile radius of Sacramento are eligible to join LDSS. An annual dues of \$100 is assessed each congregation.

Only LDSS members may apply for a ministry grant.

What are examples of ministries funded by LDSS?

- Ministries promoting Lutheran involvement in community welfare work.
- Ministries that develop, advance and promote community resources for enrichment of life for families or individuals.
- Ministries that provide or enhance the physical and emotional needs of the community.

Examples of grants awarded in past years include:

- Food pantry and meals for the homeless
- Meals for a Wednesday evening neighborhood youth outreach
- Art education for youth & adults
- Computer lab for low-income students
- Community gardens
- Seniors ministries
- Leadership training for small-group lay leaders
- Health & wellness ministries
- Clergy training on domestic violence counseling
- Service Dog handler training

What criteria is used when considering grant applications?

LDSS directors use the following criteria when evaluating grant requests.

- Is the program innovative and creative?
- Will it make a difference in the community?
- Are the goals and purposes clearly stated? Do they address a specific need? Is the target audience clearly identified?
- Is the budget clear and does it detail both expenses and revenue sources?
- Is program supported by matching funds from the congregation(s)?
- Is the program evaluated for effectiveness with clear measures of progress toward its goals?

What types of programs are not eligible for a grant?

No grant will be awarded for:

- Establishing new congregations
- Capital improvements to real estate
- Administrative or overhead expenses (i.e. books, supplies, etc.) NOT related to operations of the specific ministry
- Ministries requiring LDSS involvement in planning, developing, financing or operating
- Foundations, endowments or other re-granting organizations
- Tuition support
- Member congregations which have been awarded a 3-year continued funding grant, for a period of three years following the conclusion of the 3-year grant period.