

COVER LETTER

THE MINISTRY OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Good Shepherd established an Endowment fund in 1991. Its mission is to *“promote responsible Christian Stewardship of people’s accumulated assets and to enhance and expand the mission outreach objectives of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.”* Each year the Board distributes financial grants to further our ability to do God’s work with our hands locally and around the world. Because the Endowment Fund supports projects specifically outside of the congregation’s annual budget, these grants help to innovate and bring new ideas to how we serve our community and world.

We award grants in these five areas:

- Local community organizations
- Ministries supported by the ELCA in our conference
- National and global mission needs of the ELCA
- Special programs and facility needs within our church at Good Shepherd
- Aid to individuals in time of special need

DREAM IT! MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Dream it! Do you have an idea for a project that is not currently covered in our church budget? Are you involved in a community or church organization that matches our vision? Would a small amount of money make a big difference? If you have a dream for a special way to serve others, but you need some financial support to get your project off the ground, this grant could make it happen!

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Praise God! In 2017, we were able to award \$2,000 in grants. As our Endowment Fund grows, we hope the dollars we can distribute will also increase. Prior year recipients of grants include the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Habitat for Humanity, Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp, the Fernley Mission Church, missionaries in Africa, Sunday School furnishings, college scholarships and many more.

2018 APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Period: March 1—April 15, 2018

Grant notifications: June 2018

The Request for Funding is available on our website at goodshepherdreno.org or the church office. Mail the completed form to Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, 357 Clay St., Reno, NV 89501 or email the application to deanna2@goodshepherdreno.org.

DONATE TO THE FUND

Our Endowment Fund gives donors the opportunity to create a long-lasting legacy to support the ministry of Good Shepherd into the future. Donations can be sent directly to Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, 357 Clay St., Reno, NV 89501. Questions? Please contact the church office at 775.329-0696.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

First, tell us some basic information about your proposal:

Total Amount Requested: _____

Ministry or Organization _____

Contact Name, phone and email: _____

Is this a one-time or a recurring activity? _____

When will the project take place? Start date: _____ Duration: _____

Next, tell us about your idea and how it can bring about change:

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet.

1. What is the purpose of your request? Who will you serve, and what impact will you have on the community?
2. How will your proposal further the mission of the Endowment Fund which is ***“to promote responsible Christian Stewardship of people’s accumulated assets and to enhance and expand the mission outreach objectives of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.”***
3. Please include a projected budget if one is available, or tell us as much as you can about your current plans. Is this grant your only source of funding that you are considering? Will this grant allow you to complete the project? If not, what other sources are you considering?
4. Who will be involved? Identify and explain if other organizations are collaborating with you.
5. Are you willing to write a 1-2 paragraph summary sharing how your project went? We love to share the success stories from recipients of the endowment grants. Can this be shared with our marketing team? If there is confidential information that you prefer not to share, please note those preferences here.

Please read carefully and sign below:

I/We agree that if awarded grant money from the Endowment Fund these funds will be utilized only for the purpose outlined in the application submitted. If the approved project does not begin within 365 days of the funding date, or if it does not require the entire amount granted, I/We agree to reimburse the Endowment Fund all unused funds within 60 days of the determination that there are excess or unused funds.

I/We give the Endowment Fund Committee permission to have the information submitted in this application reviewed by members of the Governing Board and give permission to the Endowment Committee to publicly acknowledge me/our committee as a person/group requesting funds.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Relationship to Ministry or Organization Requesting Funds (Example: Scholarship Team Chair)

Thank you for completing an application.

Whether your proposal is chosen or not,
we appreciate your ideas and efforts within the community.

Let's continue to do God's work with our hands!

Dream it! Make it Happen!