Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Granting Fund

Good Shepherd is a church that has been providing ministry from its location on the corner of Arlington and California for more than 75 years with an Endowment established more than 30 years ago. *"It has long been a part of our ministry to support the good work being done here in Reno,"* shared Pastor Scott Trevithick, *"And our Endowment Fund has allowed us to do so more substantially by giving us the ability to grant funds directly to organizations doing worthwhile work."*

Nine agencies which were selected to receive funds in 2023 used their funds to provide a variety of services to primarily support those with limited means. Projects included:

- <u>National Alliance on Mental Illness Northern Nevada (NAMI)</u>—One award of \$1,000. This grant will support the provision of peer recovery support services to individuals who have mental health challenges and who have had involvement with the criminal justice system.
- <u>Eddy House Teen Homeless Shelter</u>—One award of \$2,000 to help with transportation needs (bus passes, Uber).
- <u>RAVE (Respite And Volunteer Experiences)</u>—One award of \$1,000. This grant will help contribute to a larger Respite fundraising and awareness program to increase the availability of respite services to families with children with special needs.
- <u>Reno Bike Project</u>—One award of \$1000 to help support its project of building a "Bike Lending Library" at the Eddy House and who are in need of dependable/independent transportation.
- <u>Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada</u>—One award of \$1500. This grant will provide financial support for CCNN's Immigration Legal Services to assist with green cards, work passes and legal fees associated with migrating to Nevada.
- <u>Urban Roots Garden Classrooms</u>—One award of \$1000 for expansion of seed-top-table education efforts through lifecycle nutrition classes; grant will fund dietitian for nutrition workshops.
- <u>Down Syndrome Network of NN</u>—One award of \$1000 given to provide information, education and support to raise awareness for those with Down Syndrome; grant will help fund furniture, games, supplies for Adult Day program.
- <u>Echo Loder Elementary School</u>—One award of \$1600 to purchase 4 picnic tables to establish an outdoor classroom
- <u>Sierra Flute Society</u> —One award of \$300 to support music and advertising for free concerts from the flute ensemble groups within the society.
- <u>Lemelson STEM Academy</u>—One award of \$500. Supports startup costs for a pre-kindergarten classroom serving students with special needs.
- Foster the City One award of \$500. Provides support locally for children and families in the foster care system

We are opening a grant application process to award over \$5,000 in grants this year. If you are associated with a local agency that serves our community, or with an organization with national or international scope that is aligned with the mission needs of the ELCA, and your organization would benefit from a grant of \$500 - \$1,000 that fits our criteria, please considering applying. The application form is on our website at goodshepherdreno.org.

ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

ENDOWMENT FUND OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN, RENO

Good Shepherd established an Endowment Fund in 1991. The fund's 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 through the financial support of congregational, community, synodical, and global church needs."* Each year the Governing 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:

- 1. Local and community organizations in the areas of educational, health, social, recreational and Christian spiritual needs
- 2. Ministries supported by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our conference
- 3. National and global mission needs of the ELCA
- 4. Special programs and facility needs within our church at Good Shepherd
- 5. 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 these funding criteria? 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

As our Endowment Fund grows, we hope the dollars we can distribute will also increase. This year, multiple grants of \$500 - \$1000 will be awarded. Grantees will be notified in May. We will hold a celebration event in June to award the grants and celebrate these wonderful agencies that we are partnering with.

2024 APPLICATION PROCESS Application Period: April 1—May 6, 2024 Grant notifications: May 2024 | June "Day of Giving" Celebration Request for Funding Application available on our website https://www.goodshepherdreno.org/endowment-fund

Mail the completed form to **Good Shepherd Endowment Fund**, 357 Clay St., Reno, NV 89501 or email the digital application to <u>deanna2@goodshepherdreno.org</u>.

DONATE DIRECTLY 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 | Church office 775.329-0696

ENDOWMENT GRANT REQUEST FOR FUNDING

First, tell us some basic information about your proposal:

Total Amount Requested:

Ministry or Organization:

Contact Name:

Email:

Address of Organization:

Phone:

Is this a one-time or a recurring activity?

When will the project take place? Start date:

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" within one of the five supported areas of focus (listed below)?

Duration:

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- c) National and global mission needs of the ELCA
- d) Special programs and facility needs within our church at Good Shepherd
- e) Aid to individuals in time of special need
- If your grant application is for a national or international mission or project, please describe how this
 organization and grant request align with the supported national and international mission programs of
 the ELCA.
- 4. 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?
- 5. Who will be involved? Identify and explain if other organizations are collaborating with you.

6. 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? Do you have a social media presence? If so, can you share the story and tag Good Shepherd? 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 F	unds (Example: Grants Manager)

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!

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Concluding with "Day of Giving" Celebration on a Sunday in June

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