

St. Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows Endowment Fund - Small Grants Program

Dear Partner in Ministry:

Thank you for your interest in the small grants program funded by St. Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows (St. Mark's) Endowment Fund. This Fund has grown over the years to the point where we are now able to make yearly disbursements from the annual distributions. This year, proposals for small grants up to \$500 will be considered by the Endowment Committee. The deadline for submission is April 28, 2017.

The purpose of the St. Mark's Endowment Fund is to:

1. Receive and administer gifts (such as bequests, assignment of life insurance, IRAs, charitable gift annuities, and transfer of property such as cash, securities, and real estate) in a manner consistent with the loyalty and devotion to our Lord expressed by the donors;
2. Provide a vehicle for the management and investment of legacy gifts in which the principal remains intact in perpetuity;
3. Enhance the mission and outreach of St. Mark's through distributions from the Fund;
4. Extend the mission of the congregation beyond expenditures supported through regular offerings, to ministries and other work of the church at home and abroad.

Program areas eligible to receive grants from the Endowment Fund may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- New or additional church programs that promote outreach and support missions apart from the general operating budget of the congregation;
- Grants to seminaries/colleges and scholarships to students who attend such institutions;
- Partnering institutions, service agencies, and special programs;
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for new congregational development, professional leadership, educational ministries, global mission, ecumenism, evangelism, social ministries, and capital financing;
- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or building programs of St. Mark's.

Applicants within St. Mark's are asked to work through the appropriate ministry team to complete the attached application and submit it via e-mail. You can also download the application from the Giving tab on our website (www.smlutheran.org) under heading (3) Mission Endowment. The following information is requested:

- Name of the member and contact information, associated ministry team, and date submitted;
- Summary description, major purpose of the grant, and how it aligns with the purpose of the Endowment Committee;
- Clear and compelling statement of need for the grant;
- Specific program objectives;
- Detailed budget which explains the amount requested for the grant.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR SPRING 2017

Please complete and submit via e-mail to Jennifer Droubay (jennifer.droubay@smlutheran.org) or bring to the Church Office no later than April 28, 2017. Thank you!

A. Name of applicant and contact information (phone # and email):

B. Associated Ministry Team & Chairperson (or congregational contact if not a member):

C. Date submitted:

D. Summary description, major purpose of the grant, alignment with the purpose of the Endowment Committee:

E. Statement of need for the grant:

F. Specific program objectives:

G. Detailed budget showing specifically how the grant money will be used:

H. Anything else you would like to say:

Please contact Jennifer Droubay at the Church Office (253-752-4966) with any questions.