



LUTHERAN HOMES FOUNDATION (WA) INCORPORATED GRANTS APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS/PARISHES

Background

Lutherans believe that we are called to love people as Christ loved us. That doesn't mean only those people who are members of our church. Wherever we are able, we gladly extend our loving care to anyone who might need us, including those who are elderly or disadvantaged in any way.

We believe in the words of Jesus, who said that when we reach out in love and care to someone else, we do it for him (Mathew 25:37).

Lutheran Homes Foundation (WA) Incorporated (LHFWA) supports this view and, while not directly providing care for needy or disadvantaged members of our immediate or broader community, is able to provide funding for this purpose. This is reflected in our objects which are summarised in the following three statements:

- 1.1 Acquire equipment and maintain a public benevolent institution for the provision of assistance for elderly or disadvantaged people of both sexes and of any religious persuasion who are in necessitous circumstances.
- 1.2 Cooperate with other organisations and institutions whose objects and purposes are similar.
- 1.3 Assist organisations or individuals in the relief of poverty, distress or misfortune.

Examples of support provided by LHFWA in the past, either directly or through WA Lutheran Congregations, include:

- Donations to Australian Lutheran World Service for specific assistance or to be used at their discretion.
- Donations to the Lutheran Church of Australia Disaster and Welfare Fund.
- Personal crisis assistance for Lutheran families.
- Financial support for school chaplains.
- A grant for a Congregation to establish a Benevolent Emergency Fund.
- A grant to support a Congregation's Community Care Program and sponsorship of a school Breakfast Club.

LHFWA Inc. also draws your attention to the following important considerations:

- Proposals which involve building capacity as opposed to relieving symptoms of needs and which complement rather than duplicate other charitable or government welfare programs (or fill a gap), will be favourably received.

- Proposals for boosting (or creating) Congregational emergency funds or supplementing resourcing for existing Congregational aged care initiatives (or other Congregational care initiatives) will also receive strong consideration.

Grants

LHFVA is inviting Congregations or Parishes to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 for proposals that are consistent with our objects.

Proposals must be recommended by Church Councils and signed off by Church Council Chairs.

How to Apply

An application for a grant needs to include information about the following (refer also to the separate application form):

1. A description of the proposal, that is, how you intend to use the grant
2. An explanation of how your proposal is consistent with the objects of LHFVA
3. The amount being requested - the maximum amount is \$5,000
4. Whether your Congregation or Parish is providing any financial support for the proposal, and if so how much
5. How your proposal relates to the strategic direction of the Lutheran Church of Australia: refer to the publication Our Direction 2018 – 2024 (which can be found on the LCA website at <http://www.lca.org.au> - go to Services and Resources, then to Overview & Summary, then to Governance & Administration)
6. How you will know if your proposal is successful, that is, if you have achieved the outcome you were looking for

Lodging your Application

Please return the signed application form to the Secretary LHFVA:

Janny Thomas
424 Crawford Road
DIANELLA WA 6059

or

Scan and email the signed application to Janny Thomas j.thomas@westnet.com.au

Approval Process

All applications will be evaluated by the LHFVA Committee of Management on the basis of the information submitted. Congregations/Parishes will be informed of the outcome within a reasonable time, and also provided with general feedback on their application as appropriate.

Successful Applications

If you are successful in obtaining a grant, LHFWA will require the Church Council to provide a brief review of the effectiveness of the proposal after the first nine months of operation (separate form to be provided by LHFWA at the time of the grant). The review will require answers to the following questions.

1. Was your proposal successful?
2. If not, what went wrong?
3. What changes would you make for it to succeed?
4. Other comments.