



Highlands Lutheran Church

Highlands Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Grant Process

HLC Mission and Vision: Deeply rooted – Growing Together – Reaching out

Highlands Lutheran Church seeks to offer a familiar and open space for worship where all are welcome at God's table, people are nourished and empowered through Word and Sacrament, and called to cultivate love out in the world as followers of Jesus.

Purpose of the Fund

The Highlands Lutheran Church Endowment was created to nurture the generosity of today so it can bless the work of tomorrow. Built from the charitable gifts of donors, the Fund grows through investment and ongoing contributions, ensuring that Highlands Lutheran can continue to support ministry, outreach, and innovation for generations to come. Our goal is to preserve this lasting resource while sharing its fruits in ways that reflect God's abundant love.

Endowment Grants

Through the Endowment, Highlands Lutheran is able to offer annual grants—typically between \$5,000 and \$20,000—that support new and meaningful opportunities beyond our regular budget. These grants are an expression of our mission: *to offer a familiar and open space for worship where all are welcome at God's table, nourished and empowered through Word and Sacrament, and called to cultivate love in the world as followers of Jesus.*

We are especially inspired to support work in the Denver Metro and Colorado communities that aligns with this mission. In particular, survey feedback from our congregation lifted up areas of great need and passion, including food banks, prison programs, Indigenous/Native American communities, people who are unhoused, LGBTQ+ neighbors, and youth programs. Applicants whose projects bring hope, healing, and hospitality in these or related areas are encouraged to apply.

Application Process and Timing of Grant Disbursements

Applications may be made by filling out the attached grant application and then e-mailing this document to endowment@sensoryhealth.org or completing the online application [here](#). Considerations include alignment of your goals with the mission of Highlands Lutheran Church and its interests in justice and inclusion.

The Endowment Committee meets two times per year to review applications. Because we sometimes have more requests for funding than we have funds, we may defer grant applications submitted earlier in the year until later meetings so that we may evaluate them all together.

Application Deadline	Committee Meeting	Grant Disbursal
January 31, 2026	February 28, 2026	March 31, 2026
July 31, 2026	August 31, 2026	September 30, 2026

Applications received without organizational and project budgets/previous year financial reports, or a plan to produce an impact report will not be considered. All budgets and financial reports must show both income and expenses.

Please contact us ahead of time if you have questions about the application and/or required budget/financial documents. We will be happy to review a draft of your application package a week or more ahead of the deadline to advise you if the committee is likely to have all the information it will need to make its decision - this is especially important for first time applicants.

Thank you for applying!