

## Lutheran Schools & Organizations Information Session



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# Welcome!

## Today's Agenda

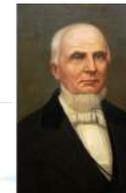
- Lutheran Foundation Background
- 2020-2024 Strategic Plan Highlights
- Overview of Lutheran Schools & Organizations Funding Focus Area
- Overview of Grant Process
- Questions



## Our History

1858

Rev. Johann Buenger forms  
Lutheran Hospital



1984

Lutheran Hospital sold; proceeds used  
to form Lutheran Charities Foundation

1996

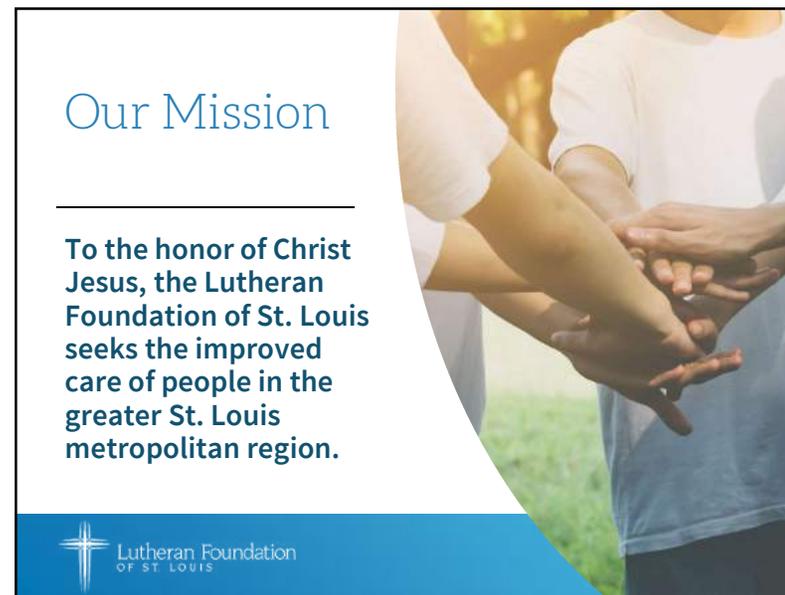
Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis is  
established as a separate entity





## Our Vision

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis sees the Church brought into the lives of hurting people and people included in the healing life of the Church.



## Our Mission

To the honor of Christ Jesus, the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis seeks the improved care of people in the greater St. Louis metropolitan region.

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## Lutheran Foundation Core Values

Christian Faith	Holistic Health	Relationships <b>NEW</b>
Collaboration	Impact	Stewardship <b>NEW</b>

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## Stewardship

\$34 million → \$106 million

\$118 million → 660+ organizations

\$106m assets + \$118m grants = **\$220 million of blessing**

\$5 million (approx.) available annually for grants

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## Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Highlights

- Intensive process
- A “refresh”
- Updates based on current/future trends
- Incorporated changes since last plan



Focus Area

Focus Area Goal

Lutheran Foundation Outcomes

Project Indicators



## Funding Focus Areas



Christian Faith in Action



Congregation Community Engagement



Lutheran Schools and Organizations



Foreign-Born Populations



Justice-Involved Individuals and Their Families



Older Adults Maintaining Independence



## Christian Faith in Action



**Goal:** To positively impact the lives of hurting people by supporting the volunteer capacity and programs of Christian congregations and agencies.



## Congregation Community Engagement

Update

**Goal:** To positively impact the lives of hurting people by strengthening the capacity of and supporting congregations in becoming an integral part of the health and well-being of their community.



## Foreign-Born Populations

**Goal:** To assist foreign-born individuals and families in achieving self-sufficiency, financial stability, and economic mobility, thereby enabling them to succeed and contribute to the community.



## Justice-Involved Individuals & Their Families

**Goal:** To support the successful reintegration of justice-involved individuals by restoring their lives, family relationships, and communities, thereby enhancing community stability and public safety.



## Older Adults Maintaining Independence

**Goal:** To foster optimal health and wellness for older adults enabling them to live safe, productive, and independent lives.



## Lutheran Schools

**Goal:**  
To support a system of St. Louis area Lutheran schools dedicated to excellence in Christian education.



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## Lutheran Schools



**Outcome #1**  
Those served by Lutheran schools experience improved academic outcomes.



**Outcome #2**  
Children in the St. Louis community have access to a quality Lutheran education.



**Outcome #3**  
Lutheran schools are better able to meet their mission.

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## Lutheran Schools

### Who is Eligible?

- Lutheran K-12 schools and educational organizations
- LESA Member Schools

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## Lutheran Schools:

### Examples of What We Fund

- Regional efforts
- Collaborations with other funders
- Strategic planning that addresses identified areas for improvement
- Limited level of scholarship assistance
- Marketing and enrollment initiatives including staffing
- Academic quality improvement activities

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## Lutheran Schools

### Lutheran Education Mini-Grants

- Maximum Amount: \$10,000
- First due date: March 1, 2021
- Priorities:
  - Collaborative Efforts
  - Marketing & Enrollment Activities
  - Improving Academic Quality



## Lutheran Organizations

### Goal:

To support Lutheran organizations who partner with local Lutheran congregations to strengthen the impact of congregation community engagement and the congregations themselves.



## Lutheran Organizations



### Outcome #1

Lutheran organizations are better able to meet their mission through mutually beneficial partnerships with Lutheran congregations.



### Outcome #2

Lutheran congregations are better able to meet community needs.



### Outcome #3

Those served by Lutheran organization-congregation partnerships experience improved outcomes.



## Lutheran Organizations

### Mutually Beneficial Partnerships

- Partnering with Lutheran Congregations
- Direct alignment with Vision of Lutheran Foundation



## Lutheran Organizations

### Who is Eligible?

St. Louis-based Lutheran Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) or Social Ministry Organizations (SMO)

- Partnering with St. Louis-based Lutheran congregations.



## Lutheran Organizations:

### Examples of What We Fund

- Staffing to engage congregations as partners
- Training and support for congregations and their members
- Engaging subject matter experts to equip congregations for community engagement



## Overview of Grant Process



## Strong Requests

- ✓ **Aligned with our vision, mission, & core values**
- ✓ **Fit with a Funding Focus Area**
- ✓ **Well-designed program**

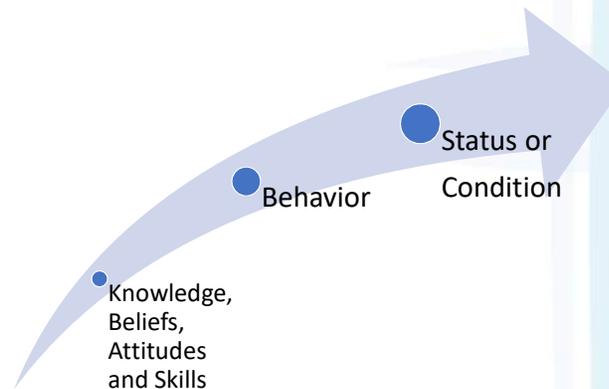


## Impact

- Well designed programs
- Lasting change
- Difference in lives of those you serve
- Project Indicators align with Foundation outcomes



## Outcomes - Types of Change



## How We Fund

- Highly relational
- Annual grants
- Possible renewal, maximum 3 years
- Step down funding 20-25% each year
- Capacity building support 
- Multi-year grants, limited basis



## Application Timeline - Regular Grants

	Summer Cycle	Winter Cycle
Pre-Application Workshops and Consultations	March - May	October- November
Applications Due	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	December 1 <sup>st</sup>
Due Diligence (Site Visits and Applicant Meetings/Emails)	July	January
Board Decisions	End of August	End of February
Grants Start	After September 1 <sup>st</sup>	After March 1 <sup>st</sup>



**NEW** Visit our new website!

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**NEW** New Online Grant Application!

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## Resources

- ❑ Lutheran Foundation Website
- ❑ Send Me St. Louis
- ❑ User Guide
- ❑ How To – Online Grant Application
- ❑ Workshops
- ❑ Consultation and Technical Assistance

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## In Summary

New and Updated Grant Processes

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## New and Updated

- ✓ Online grant application
- ✓ Attachments, User Guide and Sample Questions available under Forms & Docs on the website



## Upcoming Info Sessions

### Introduction to Lutheran Foundation

April 2, 2020 9am – 11am

### How to Apply for a Lutheran Foundation Grant

April 2, 2020 1pm-4pm

\*Registration in advance is required for all info sessions.



## Questions?



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