



Mission Grant Special Edition

Dear LWML Members of Iowa West District,

It's time to think about submitting grant proposals for our 2022 LWML IWD Convention! This special edition of the eNews includes forms with guidelines and examples to help an individual, member, Society or Zone, submit a grant.

When choosing a grant proposal, it is important it be "strictly MISSION in character – bringing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have never heard the Good News," as outlined in our District by-laws. When considering a proposal ask yourself, "How is the Gospel shared through this ministry?" or "Will this ministry introduce someone to Jesus Christ?"

While projects such as grounds beautification and physical plant repairs are often needed, they may not truly be MISSION, and might be best taken on as a Society, Zone or congregational project.

Want to submit a grant, but have no idea where to start? Consider ministries within your Zone, or contact the IDW LCMS office at 515-576-7666, for mission grant ideas within our District.

For ideas outside our district, visit www.lwml.org/grants-bank. You'll find grants that were on the LWML National ballot, but were not selected for funding. A short description is listed along with contact information. Get in touch with the contact person, and they may work with you to modify their grant for submission at our District convention.

Before beginning an international grant, please check with Mary Hamilton, LCMS Grants Manager at 314-996-1310, and follow other instructions listed in the guidelines included in this special edition. Mary has information on "closed" and "sensitive" mission countries, as well as whether or not your grant will fit/partner with current LCMS mission work.

Grant proposals must be RECEIVED by me by Sunday, October 31, 2021. This year all proposals MUST BE SUBMITTED BY E-MAIL. If this is a problem for you, please contact me and I will help you find someone to assist you with the process.

I will serve as Chairman of the Grants Committee, along with President Jane Morris and two or more members she will appoint, with approval of the Board of Directors. Both Pastoral Counselors will serve as advisors. From grants submitted, we will present a ballot of grants to be voted on at convention.

Please feel free to contact me with questions/concerns.

Serving together with you,

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Guidelines for submitting a LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT Mission Grant Proposal

Eligibility and Endorsement:

Appeals for LWML Iowa West District grants may be submitted by an individual Iowa West LWML member, Society or Zone with the appropriate endorsements of the applicant's president and the pastor/counselor.

Recognized Service Organizations of the LCMS (LCMS RSO) looking for a LWML Iowa West sponsor may contact the Vice President of Gospel Outreach and Special Focus Ministries, Tracy Stetzel, whose contact information is listed below.

Criteria from LWML IWD bylaws, Article XIV:

In addition to giving preference to grants within Iowa West, all mission grant proposals shall:

- ✓ be strictly MISSION in character – bringing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have never heard the Good News.
- ✓ fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS
- ✓ be current and ready for implementation, well documented
- ✓ be assured of continued maintenance after the allocated mites are exhausted
- ✓ not have been funded by the last convention
- ✓ be endorsed properly (refer to Cover Signature Sheet)

Proposals consists of:

1. **The Cover Signature Sheet** (self explanatory)
2. **The Proposal in Whereas format** (see explanation below)
3. **The Information Paper** (see explanation on next page)

Send all of the above **via email to the
Iowa West LWML V.P. for Gospel Outreach
and Special Focus Ministries -Tracy Stetzel
stetz@netins.net 641-740-7779**

Signature Sheet

- Grants within IWD require signature of submitter, Society President, and an LCMS Pastor or Counselor
- Grants outside of IWD *additionally* require signature of our IDW LCMS President
- Foreign (out of the U.S.) grants *additionally* require signature of the Executive Director of the LCMS Board for Mission Service and should be sent to Mary Hamilton (address below) for assistance

The Proposal

Whereas, state goal/God's command, how it will enable people to learn of Jesus; and

Whereas, state the need; and

Whereas, state the purpose for the funds, how used; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Iowa West LWML assembled in its (state date)

Convention at Camp Okoboji adopt as a mission grant

for the (state biennium) the allocation of (state \$ amount)

for (state grant proposal name).

New for 2022 -Please limit your proposal to four (4) whereas statements

The Information Paper

- Clearly state how grant fulfills Criteria listed above
- Give details such as cost of land, facilities, construction, equipment, program's budget.
- If the proposed grant is funded by other sources, clearly state the total project amount and the source from which remaining funds will come.
- State the name, address, phone/FAX, and e-mail address of the contact person who will implement the project, administer the funds and conduct the follow-up.

Resources:

Our bylaws state, "Preference shall be given to grants that are within Iowa West over those that would send funds outside of the district". (One fourth of all mites received in our district are forwarded to National LWML for National LWML Mission Grants, and it is unlikely that other districts will fund projects in Iowa West). Therefore, our district grants are the best way to support our Iowa West needs.

Our Iowa West LWML bylaws state that no grant receiving funds shall appear on the ballot at a successive District LWML convention.

Once you have a idea for a grant, check current grants before beginning the process. To get suggestions for a grant, contact the missions themselves, or consult the District; Mission Central; or Synod at <https://www.lcms.org/mission-and-outreach> or email Mary Hamilton(address follows)for information on current mission needs.

Contacts:

District:

The Rev. Dr. Steve Turner, President – IDW LCMS
409 Kenyon Road Suite B, Fort Dodge, IA 50501
Phone: 515.576.7666
e-mail: steve@iowadistrictwest.org

Mission Central- LCMS World Mission

40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034

Phone: 712.882.1029 e-mail: gary.thies@lcms.org

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Mary Hamilton

Grants Manager Mission Advancement

1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122-7295

Phone: 314.996.1310 e-mail: mary.hamilton@lcms.org

Procedure for Grant Approval:

- V.P. will check proposal for necessary requirements
- The VP will send a complete packet with all submissions to LCMS World Mission for International endorsements and in agreement with National LWML policy, which is to share information for the benefit of all parties.
- After the Oct 31st deadline the V.P. sends copies to IWD LWML President, counselors, appointed LWML Grant Committee, and to IDW LCMS Mission Executive for further review and evaluation.
- The Grant Committee will meet to select proposals for convention ballot.
- Board of Directors votes to approve proposed ballot.
- Convention delegates vote and adopt the grants.
- Funds will be available to adopted grants for 4 years.
- District LWML members respond to God's presence, power, peace and plenty in their lives with mites, prayers, personal involvement and encouragement for mission grants.

Additional Information:

- ***If your grant is selected for the ballot, you will be contacted to provide 3-5 proposal related photos for the grant proposal presentation at convention.***
- In the communications with your chosen recipient, avoid duplicate submissions if possible

For grants for all missions outside of the U.S., grant submitters are encouraged to contact LCMS World Mission to share the scope of the grant proposal. Do this by contacting the office of LCMS World Mission with a summary of your proposal. Your complete submission to Iowa West LWML will be forwarded to them after it is received by the Iowa West LWML VP in charge of the selection process.

The deadline is always OCTOBER 31st of odd numbered years. Grant proposals must be received by the VP, via email, by that date

6/22/2021

IOWA WEST LWML Cover Signature Sheet for Grant Proposals

(Please include this signed document with the proposal documents)

Name of proposed project: _____

Amount requested: \$ _____

Submitted by: (check one) IWD LWML member IWD LWML Society IWD LWML Zone

Project Submitter: (must be one of the above)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Society: _____ Zone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Endorsement of IWD Society President:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Society: _____ Zone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Endorsement of IWD LCMS Pastor or Counselor:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Congregation: _____ Society: _____ Zone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional endorsement for projects outside IWD:

District LCMS President: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

District: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional endorsements for foreign projects: (Executive Director of LCMS Board for Mission Services)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SAMPLE INFORMATION PAPER

Information Paper
Financial Aid for Iowa West Women for Full-Time Church Work
\$40,000

This grant fits the criteria:

The world needs to hear God's grace in the Gospel. The church needs trained missionaries in all phases of professional church work to fulfill this ministry. How can they be trained unless they get an education? How can the students get an education unless they can find funding? (a loose paraphrase of Romans 10:14-15)

The project is current and ready for implementation and well documented:

Iowa West Student Service Loan Fund has existed for many years, is well organized, ongoing, and a high priority in our District.

Other sources of funding for the Iowa West Student Service Load Fund:

Some aid is available each year from the Koepke Fund and small amounts are occasionally donated by individuals and congregations. The District greatly appreciates the contribution of the LWML toward this financial assistance.

Contact person who will implement the grant and administer the funds and conduct follow-up.

Name
Address
Phone, email, FAX

Sample of Mission Grant Proposal

Iowa District West Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Mission Grant Proposal for 20XX – 20XX Biennium

Financial Aid for IDW Women for Full Time Church Work \$40,000

- Whereas, When the Lord of the Church saw the great waiting harvest of lost souls He cried out, "Whom shall I send?" and students of IDW have committed themselves to future careers in full-time church work; and
- Whereas, The cost of higher education to prepare for such careers at our synodical schools is ever increasing; and
- Whereas, IDW has set up a Student Service Loan Fund to give financial assistance to any student from IDW studying for full-time church work; and
- Whereas, This financial assistance is repaid by the students serving one year in full-time church work for each year of financial assistance; Therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Iowa District West Lutheran Women's Missionary League, assembled in its June 20XX Convention at Camp Okoboji, adopt the mission grant of \$40,000 for financial aid for women studying in our synodical colleges and universities toward careers in full-time church work, with this amount to be placed in the IDW Student Service Loan Fund.

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Seven Mission Priorities



1. Plant, sustain, and revitalize Lutheran churches
2. Support and expand theological education
3. Perform human care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries
4. Collaborate with the Synod's members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness
5. Promote and nurture the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of pastors and professional church workers
6. Enhance early childhood, elementary and secondary education, and youth ministry
7. Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God's design

