

**Lutheran Development  
Society of Sacramento:  
2024 Grant  
Application Process**

**1. LDSS Membership**

Prior to January 1, 2024, the grant application will be forwarded to each member congregation of Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento. Make sure your congregation has paid its annual \$100 membership dues prior to January 1, 2024.

**2. Decide Your Development**

What will your congregation or ministry accomplish? Grant amounts range from a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000. Decide on and research what project you'd like to work on for your community.

**3. Fill Out Your Application**

Grants must be filed electronically between January 1 and March 31, 2024. The grant application is found on our website. You can find it there to be filled out!

**4. Submit Your Grant Application**

When your application is done, submit your completed application on our website. If you have any issues with submission, or have questions about the process, please contact Marilyn at [mglapkass@gmail.com](mailto:mglapkass@gmail.com). You'll hear from us late spring regarding your submission.

## What is Lutheran Development Society?

*The Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento (LDSS) oversees the LDSS Trust Fund established to support Lutheran religious or charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This support is accomplished through funding opportunities provided for projects supported by members of LDSS operating within a 50-mile radius of Sacramento.*



For membership, more information,  
or to download our 2024 grant  
application, please visit our website:

[www.ldssac.org](http://www.ldssac.org)



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# Ministry Grants 2024



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***“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”***

Romans 8:28

**Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento** (LDSS) was established in 2002 when the Lutheran-based Pleasant Ridge Home was disbanded. The assets from the sale of this East Sacramento retirement facility were dedicated to a trust fund that now proudly supports **opportunities for community project funding for ministries within a 50-mile radius of Sacramento.**

***Does your church or ministry have a specific, creative project in mind that would benefit the community? Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento encourages you to apply for a grant to help make your project happen!***

## **What are examples of ministries that receive funding from LDSS?**

*Ministries promoting Lutheran involvement in community welfare work;  
ministries that develop, advance, and promote community resources for enrichment of life for families or individuals;  
ministries that provide or enhance the physical and emotional needs of the community.*

**Does this sound like your project?**

## **Past Grant Recipients**

*Examples of grants awarded in past years include:*

- Food pantry and meals for the homeless
- Meals for a Wednesday evening neighborhood youth outreach
- Art education for youth and adults
- Computer lab for low-income students
- Community gardens
- Seniors ministries
- Leadership training for small-group lay leaders
- Health and wellness ministries
- Clergy training on domestic violence counseling
- Service Dog handler training

## **Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento Board of Directors**

*(as of June 13, 2023)*

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*The annually-elected trustees serve three-year terms and agree to hold, manage, and distribute funds annually up to 4% of the principal for the purpose of enhancing the ministry of Lutheran churches in the region. The total amount available each year for grants is established by the LDSS bylaws; LDSS may adjust grant amounts if the total for all requested grants exceeds the amount available for distribution.*