

Dolly's Fund Grant Application

Lodi United Methodist Church

Dolly's Fund is a grant program of the Lodi United Methodist Church. It was established in December 2019 with Mr. Robert L. Thistle's gift of a million dollar in memory of his mother, Viola (Dolly) Nichols Thistle who was a devout member of the church.

In keeping with the donor's wishes, we support the causes that serve the needs of Lodi and its surrounding communities. We afford special emphasis to projects that lead to building a more welcoming community and that strengthen self-sufficiency in the charitable sector.

Areas of Interest

- Our **community development** grantmaking revolves primarily around objectives to enhance the quality of life in Lodi and its surrounding communities. We support efforts that help people, especially the vulnerable and marginalized, live a life of dignity and equality as their voice and presence are honored.
- Our **congregation missional vitality** grantmaking aims to deepen and enrich the religious lives of the residents in the area. We believe that relevant and missional congregations seek for creativeness and inclusiveness through their programs.
- Besides grantmaking in our two principal areas, we award scholarships to individuals who seek postsecondary education and training. Scholarship Application Form along with other helpful information can be found at www.LodiUMC.org/Dollys-Fund. We also support efforts to advance the effectiveness of nonprofit organizations through a staff and volunteer leadership development initiative.

Application Process

- If you believe your organization/congregation has a request that fits within our guidelines, complete the application form and attach a one-page narrative answering the questions listed.
- We may accept applications from individuals, but it may be exceptional for need-based scholarship and pioneering initiatives.
- Grants will be awarded with the approval of the Lodi UMC Church Council at its April and October/November meetings. Thus, completed applications shall be submitted no later than March 15 and October 15 for the appropriate committee's review.
- Please direct correspondence to:
Wills and Memorials Committee
Lodi United Methodist Church
130 Locust St.
Lodi, WI, 53555
email: dollysfund@lodiumc.org

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Date: _____

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Proposal Name: _____

Project timeline: (ie. start and end date) _____

Amount requested: _____ Total budget for project: _____

Are there other sources of funding for this project? _____

If yes, what? _____

Will you accept partial funding? _____

If your proposal is accepted, will you provide us with a final report (if requested) on your project? _____

Narrative (attached up to one page for narrative):

- A. Describe your organization (mission, history, type, etc.)
- B. Describe the project (purpose, activities, population served, anticipated outcomes)
- C. How would the money be spent? (Excludes compensation for time/wages)
- D. How does this proposal meet the aims of Dolly's Fund?

I verify the information provided is accurate and pledge to provide a project evaluation report by December 31 (spring application) or June 30 (fall application).

Signature: _____ Date: _____