

Leon & Lorna A. Krab Kraft Memorial Grant Application

Spring 2025

Dear Church Leader,

Your church may be eligible to receive a grant from the Leon & Lorna A. Krab Kraft Memorial Fund established several years ago with the ELCA Foundation!

The purpose of the Kraft Memorial Grant is to promote and provide resources that allow churches to make the necessary improvements to ensure accessibility in every respect. Existing church building improvements may include, but are not limited to; ramps, elevators, restrooms modifications, sanctuary modifications, etc. The memorial fund hopes to ensure accessibility and integration into the whole life of the congregation.

Grants will be made on an equal matching, dollar for dollar framework. The grants are available to congregations of the Nebraska Synod, with attention being given to those congregations west of Grand Island, Nebraska. Congregations are expected to provide financial reports and receipts throughout the project to ensure this criterion is met. All grant applications are reviewed by a pre-appointed committee of the Nebraska Synod. If the grant is approved, the committee will work with the church to determine a timeline for releasing the grant funds to the church.

The Nebraska Synod is thankful for the Kraft Memorial Grant Fund and we are excited to offer this opportunity to your church. The need for improved accessibility exists in many churches throughout the synod and our hope is that these funds will be used to assist in making your church more accessible for your entire community.

The Kraft Memorial Grand Fund application is below. The deadline for application is April 23, 2025 and the Memorial Committee will review the applications at the end of May. If you have previously applied and received grant funding, please refrain from applying again. Please mail your completed application to the Nebraska Synod, Attention: Stephanie Lusinski, 6757 Newport Avenue, #200, Omaha NE, 68152,

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Lusinski at stephanie@nebraskasynod.org.

In Christ,

Kraft Endowment Committee

Kraft Memorial Grant Fund Committee

The grant application consists of four sections:

1. General Information
 - a. Organization
 - i. (Name, address, phone number, website address, etc)
 - b. Contact
 - i. (Primary staff person responsible for this grant project/program and contact information)
 - c. Request
 - i. Total project budget
 - ii. Funds available for the project and their source (memorial fund, endowment fund, savings, etc)
 - iii. Amount of this grant request
 - iv. Applicants current annual expense budget
2. Project Proposal (two page maximum)
 - a. Describe the Applicant's mission (in detail)
 - b. Describe the project for which the Applicant seeks funding. Include needs, objectives, timeline, included service areas, and population to be served.
 - c. Explain how this project will contribute to Applicant's overall mission
 - d. Describe plans to continue or enhance this project
 - e. Describe Applicant's project evaluation process
3. Financial Information
 - a. A detailed budget for the proposed project, and a cost estimate from a contractor, if used
 - b. A detailed plan on what the project includes and who will be performing the work
 - c. List of grants and funding commitments received to date, sources and amounts
 - d. Applicant's most recent annual report
 - e. Applicant's most recent year-end balance sheet and financial statement

Completed application and supporting documents must be submitted in a hard copy format post marked by the deadline established for that cycle and mailed to: Kraft Memorial Committee, CO Stephanie Lusinski, Nebraska Synod Office, Omaha, Nebraska. At the time the hard copy is mailed, an e-mail must be sent to stephanie@nebraskasynod.org indicating that the application has been sent. After approval, signed letter of acceptance must be sent to the same address in hard copy with an e-mail sent to stephanie@nebraskasynod.org which must be received by the deadline established for that cycle.

Please note:

Funds received from the Kraft Memorial Committee are limited in use for the intended purpose of the grant

Scheduled site visits may be made to organizations that have submitted complete proposals.

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Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Description of Project:

Estimated Cost of Project: \$ _____

Who will perform the work?

Timing of the Project and estimated completion date:

Please attach copies of any project plans and estimated costs.

How do you plan to generate the resources to be matched by this grant?

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