August 2026

Re: 2027 Grant Funding Application

Lutheran Charities of Western New York, Lutheran Foundation of Western New York, and St. John's Lutheran Home for Children jointly fund services that are in alignment with their values and make a difference to people in our local community. While they engage the community as a matter of faith, being of a particular faith tradition is not a requirement for submitting an application.

- ➔ Lutheran Charities of WNY funds programs that fulfill a need within the community to care *for and support individuals, families and communities by building valuable connections to create synergy and empowerment*. Lutheran Charities will not fund salaries. Funds are distributed three times a year.
- ➔ The Lutheran Foundation enables congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Niagara Frontier, to better serve their communities by funding ministries and outreach connected to congregations and providing loans for capital improvements. Funds are distributed once a year.
- ➔ The St. John's Lutheran Home for Children programs serve birth to 18. Funds are distributed quarterly.

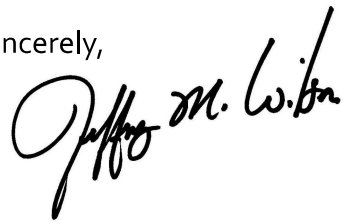
To be considered for funding by all three organizations listed above, complete the Combined Grant Funding Application attached or online, including the support documents. All materials must be ***received*** by the Joint Grant Committees at Lutheran Charities by **September 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** and may be submitted by:

- Email to: info@wnylutherancharities.org
- U.S. mail (postmarked by September 24, 2026)
- In-person to the Lutheran Charities office (see address below).

Notification of grant decisions will be sent by U.S. mail and email on or about November 10, 2026.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of our neighbors in Western New York. We look forward to being in conversation with you. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact us.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Wilson
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo
Lutheran Charities Board Member & Grant Committee Chair

COMBINED GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR 2027

Lutheran Charities of WNY ● Lutheran Foundation of WNY ● St. John Lutheran Home for Children

Organization Name	**Organization EIN**
Street Address	
City / County	**State, ZIP**
Applicant Contact Person	**Title**
Email	**Phone**
Secondary Contact Person	**Title**
Email	**Phone**
Project Title	**Amount Requested**

1. What is the funding going to be used for? Please be as descriptive as possible.

2. How will your proposed project promote the objectives of the combined funders as identified above?

3. Describe the long-term goals of the project or program as a result of this funding request.

4. Describe the need for this project or program. What gap is it filling in the community?

5. Provide the budget for this project or program, including sources of income and proposed expenditures. This can be a separate attachment or an outline, if preferred.

6. If your organization is approved to receive funding, payments will be disbursed by each awarding organization. If the organization address for payments is different from above, please provide the alternate payable name and address below:

Include the following supporting documents:

1. 501(c)(3) exemption letter
2. Most recent financial statements with independent auditor's report
3. Roster of current board members
4. Contact information for the CEO/Executive Director, Board of Directors, President, and Treasurer.

I certify that I am authorized to make this funding request on behalf of the charitable organization mentioned in this application as an officer or representative of the requesting organization. If awarded funding from one or more or the funding organizations, I will provide timely communications as requested, including:

- ☐ Progress and expenditure reports during the funding year.
- ☐ Shared stories of your work with the community.
- ☐ Either submission of written reports or attendance at the Combined Grant Funding in-person meetings in May and October.

Name - Printed	**Signature**
Position in Organization	**Date**