

**Living Legacy Fund Committee  
Presbytery Report 5-19-2026**

The committee was pleased to receive two Leadership Development and ten Congregational Mission and Revitalization grant applications for the 2025-26 grant cycle. We did not have funds to fulfill every grant request. We approved the following grants, either directly from the Living Legacy Fund or in partnership with other committees that have direct grantmaking roles (Harvest Offering, COM, New Worshiping Communities):

Leadership Development: allocated amount: \$8,697

1. Jessica Paulsen: COM \$750; LLF \$2,000
2. Ekram Kachu: \$2,000

Congregational Mission and Revitalization: allocated amount: \$17,393

1. Ankeny – Love Lunches: Harvest Offering \$1,000
2. Creston – Lunches for Kids: Harvest Offering \$750
3. First Arabic – Arabic Outreach Center: funds available through NWCTF
4. Grinnell – The Inspiration Campaign: LLF \$15,000
5. Heartland – Feeding the Children: Harvest Offering \$1,500; LLF \$2,000
6. Heartland – Refugee Ministry: LLF \$4,000
7. Newton, United – Streaming: LLF \$1,000
8. St. Paul – Community Meal & Pantry Support: Harvest Offering \$750

In order to better utilize the total allocation amount, the committee used a portion of the unused Leadership Development grant allocation for Congregational Mission and Revitalization grants. Total Living Legacy Funds granted: \$26,000

Nathan Williams is meeting on the committee's behalf with the tri-presbytery mission committees and finance/investment committees. Des Moines Living Legacy Fund is unique in that our investment management and mission granting functions are under the same committee.

The committee is still working to establish a more aggressive investment management policy in order to maintain and grow long-term fund value.

We believe the grantmaking process can be better coordinated among the three or four committees that provide presbytery grants to local congregations.

Respectfully submitted,  
TE Nathan Williams, LLF moderator