

# Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) FUNDING GUIDELINES

**DUE DATE IN OUR OFFICE MAY 15, NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M.**

## WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT?

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, begun in 1970. CCHD's mission is to 1) address the root causes of poverty in America through the promotion and support of community-controlled, self help organizations, and 2) educate Catholics and Americans in general about the conditions and causes of poverty.

## Criteria for Funding

1. **ALL GRANTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY MAY 15, NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M.** in order to be considered at the June Board meeting. Please **NOTE** that we are no longer using postmarked by date. May 15 is the date your grant must be in our office without exception. We hope this will help you with your grant request calendar.
  2. Organizations that receive grant funding are now required to submit a Progress Report found at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/cchd-applying-for-local-grants>. This progress report must be completed no later than **April 30, of current grant cycle**. Failure to submit the Progress Report will impact future grant applications.
  3. The project requesting funds must operate within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Davenport.
- AND**
4. All projects funded must conform to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.
- AND**
5. The project requesting funds must support parish social action ministry, community development, or church-based organizing to address the causes of poverty and injustice;
- OR**
6. The project will provide education or leadership training for parish social action. ministry, community development, or church-based organizing;
- OR**
7. The project will provide training, advocacy or solidarity with low-income groups, especially those with new immigrants, in the Diocese of Davenport.
8. Generally, grants will be awarded in amounts from \$500 to \$5,000. While not required, the Board will give extra consideration to grant requests that have local matching funds.
  9. Site visits will be conducted by a CRS/CCHD board member prior to the grant disbursement meeting held the third Thursday in June. The site visit is to gather more information about your organization/project. The commission member will become your advocate at the CRS/CCHD board meeting.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **Where does this funding money come from?**

In November each year, Catholic parishes across the U.S. take up a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Of the funds collected in the Diocese of Davenport, 25% becomes available for distribution to projects within the diocese. The other 75% Of the funds are forwarded to the national CCHD office for investment in larger projects around the country, including projects in our Diocese, which address the causes of poverty and injustice.

### **Who decides what gets funded?**

A diocesan board appointed by the Bishop of Davenport to invest diocesan funds for CCHD makes the decisions. The diocesan board promotes the CCHD collection and CCHD special projects. This board is also responsible for work on Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl and is composed of clergy, religious, and lay people from the diocese, and the diocesan Director for CCHD.

### **What is the decision-making process?**

The diocesan CCHD Director distributes proposals to the CCHD Board who review the proposals and decide to approve the proposal, deny funding, or request more information.

### **How much total grant money is available for allocation?**

Since the money available for funding is a percentage of the annual collection, the total grant money available depends on how much is collected by parishes in the Diocese each year.

### **Note:**

Grant moneys may only be used for the approved project. Unused funds must be returned to the Diocesan Social Action Office.

Projects Not Meeting CCHD Criteria and ineligible for Funding:

- Projects providing direct social services.
- Debts already incurred by applicants.

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