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CCHD Grant Applicants Sought

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) funds are available for grass-roots, self-help projects designed and run by groups or organizations of low and moderate income people who want to take control of their lives and work to change conditions that cause poverty. Our goal is to provide seed money to qualifying projects throughout the diocese.

CCHD has affirmed that the grants program is guided by a clear understanding and articulation of CCHD's founding principles. Successful grants must support:

- ❖ the Church's Gospel mission;
- ❖ our Catholic identity, especially traditional Catholic principles of respect for human life and dignity, priority for the poor, participation, subsidiarity, solidarity, and strengthening family, and building community;
- ❖ the pursuit of justice by supporting self-help efforts to address root causes of poverty, education for justice;
- ❖ faithful stewardship of the human, financial, institutional, and moral assets of CCHD; and
- ❖ promote systemic and/or institutional change and not provide direct service.

CCHD funds cannot go to groups that knowingly that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching.

Enclosed is an application form that provides CCHD background information, project criteria and guidelines, a synopsis of the principles of Catholic social teaching, the proposal cover sheet, application narrative outline, and budget sheet.

Applications are due by close of business on April 15, 2016

Please feel free to distribute this application to groups in your area that are working on poverty issues. Please consider playing a role in working grass-roots groups in your area or helping to form of such a group.

This application can be emailed to you. Please request the file by emailing me at ecordle@colsdio.org.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

WORKING TO END POVERTY AND INJUSTICE BY HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES BY

* **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING** * * **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...**

... the essentials of successful communities. Yet many struggling communities throughout our country lack these essentials. Poverty and social injustices continue to rob men, women, and children of their God-given dignity. CCHD-funded projects help poor and low-income individuals work together to rebuild their communities across our diocese. The CCHD philosophy emphasizes empowerment and participation for the poor. By helping the poor to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD empowers them to move beyond poverty. CCHD funds projects in our diocese that help people help themselves out of poverty.



VALUES AT THE HEART OF CCHD

- ❖ Option for the poor
- ❖ Participation/self-help
- ❖ Institutional change
- ❖ Empowerment/leadership development
- ❖ Solidarity/building bridges
- ❖ Movement toward self-sufficiency

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL FUNDS: BACKGROUND

The CCHD is a grants program sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of the United States and the Diocese of Columbus. It is intended to assist self-help programs that are designed and run by the poor and address the root causes of poverty and injustice within the United States. Funds for this program are donated through an annual November appeal in all the Catholic churches. Seventy-five percent of the funds collected within each diocese are sent to the national office in Washington, DC, for redistribution throughout the U.S., 25% remains in each diocese. It is this 25% share that is being allocated through this application.

The local CCHD goal is to spur the formation and development of new groups within the 23 counties of the diocese that empower and enable low-income people to develop economic strength and political power in their own communities.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

- ❖ All projects must benefit a poverty group and/or victim of injustice.
- ❖ Projects that should be funded by money available from the private or public sectors (excluding church funds) will not be considered unless applicants document that they are unable to obtain funding from these sources. However, proposals that call for “seed money” or “matching money” will be considered, if documented.
- ❖ The CCHD grants program is guided by a clear understanding and articulation of CCHD’s founding principles. Grants must support:
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 - the pursuit of justice by supporting self-help efforts to address root causes of poverty, education for justice; and
 - faithful stewardship of the human, financial, institutional, and moral assets of CCHD.
- ❖ **CCHD funds cannot go to groups that knowingly have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching.**
- ❖ Successful CCHD projects must demonstrate a commitment to attacking poverty through institutional change (i.e., modification of existing laws or policies, the establishment of alternative structures, or redistribution of decision-making powers). **Direct service projects do not qualify.**
- ❖ The project activities conform to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ Extra consideration will be given to applicable projects outside Franklin County that fall within the diocesan boundaries.

IN NARRATIVE FORM, RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING

Project:

1. Describe the project to be funded. Include the primary goals of the project and the issues to be addressed through this project.
2. Describe poverty in the target area. How will the project benefit the low-income/poverty community? How do low-income individuals participate in decision making for the project? Do they have a dominant voice?
3. How will the project directly achieve institutional change or job development/economic opportunities? How do the project's goals and objectives directly relate to institutional change or job development/economic opportunities? How will the project's objectives be measured?
4. How will the project develop leaders? What skills will they learn?
5. How will the project carry out its goals and objectives? Will the project work in cooperation with other organizations or groups? Will the project involve local Catholic parishes, organizations, or people? Briefly describe the current community and/or church support for this project. Include endorsements, in-kind services, and working relationships. Letters of recommendation should be attached.
6. Comment on the financial capacity of the project? Identify the sources(s) and list the amount(s) of additional funds received and anticipated for this project. Include a timeline for your fundraising plans. Complete the attached budget form (Attachment A) and include a narrative explanation.
7. Briefly describe how you propose to allocate CCHD funds (as reflected in budget sheet, Attachment A).
8. How is the project consistent with the principles of Catholic social teachings?

Organization

1. Summarize your organizational mission, history, and development experience. Include your goals; your capacity (resources, staff, leadership, etc.) to carry out this project; and how low-income people will participate in or control the decision-making process.
2. Do you have or have you applied for 501(c)(3) status?
3. Is your group/organization involved in partisan political activities?
4. Do you expect to apply for national CCHD funds in the future?
5. Additional comments you wish to make (optional).

Please be brief, but respond completely

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**Local Grant Application
Attachments**

Attachment A: Budget sheet (Excel file)

Attachment B: Synopsis of Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

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Synopsis of Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person

All People are a reflection of the image of God and thus all human life, at all stages from conception through death, and is sacred. The basic dignity that each person possesses comes from God, and therefore, all discrimination wrong. People take precedence over things and structures. Systems are meant to serve people, not vice versa.

Community and the Common Good

The Mystery of the Trinity involves the relationship of complete love among the three divine Persons in One God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Persons made in God's image, we must model God's self-giving love. Hence, the human person is both sacred and fundamentally social. In community, we realize the fulfillment of our dignity and rights in relationship with and to others.

Rights and Responsibilities

People have basic rights and responsibilities because of their human dignity which reflects that fact they have been created in God's image. Catholic teaching emphasizes that people have a right to life and to the basic necessities that provide quality of life: food, shelter, health care, education, and employment. We are called to respect the rights of others and to seek the common good.

Option for the Poor

The Gospel calls Christians to put the needs of the poor first. A common moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable people. Wherever there is structural injustice, Christians are called to oppose it. Those with the greatest need, especially, require the greatest response.

Dignity of Work

Work is an expression of our dignity and an expression of our involvement in God's creation. People have a right to decent work, fair wages, and private property. The economy exists to serve people, not vice versa.

Solidarity

We are all one human family in the world. Because we realize our dignity, rights, and responsibilities, in relationship with others, we need to continue to build community that empowers people to attain their full human potential. By working for justice, we fulfill our mandate to build the Body of Christ.

Care for Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan – it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.