Types of Grants

Community Development Grants
Supports low-income led community organizations that bring individuals together and train them to identify and challenge policies and structures in their communities that perpetuate the cycle of poverty. Groups must demonstrate a commitment to the dignity of the human person by bringing diverse people together to address the root causes of poverty in their communities and removing institutional barriers that keep historically marginalized and low-income people in poverty.

Economic Development Grants
Supports Economic Development Institutions (EDIs). EDIs are typically community-based organizations and new businesses that create just workplaces, provide good jobs and develop assets for low-income people that are owned by families and/or communities. Must promote low-income leadership and ownership and significantly include the voice of the poor and marginalized. Examples might include Real Estate initiatives, business incubators, community development financial institutions, training businesses, and worker-and community-owned businesses.

Direct Service Oriented Grants
CCHD funding is primarily for the above-mentioned grants. However, CCHD recognizes the need for some organizations to apply for direct service oriented grants. There is a limited amount of money available for this type of grant. The CCHD committee will consider service oriented grants if you are able to demonstrate with defined, clear examples how your organization has worked to help empower the poor and make systematic institutional change.

Learn more about CCHD at www.usccb.org/cchd

Any organization interested in learning more about the Grant Process and Guidelines should contact the CCHD Local Director:

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In the public square, we bring truth to power, talk to legislators, vote, and peacefully protest to give voice to the forgotten, and help poor people speak for themselves. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is an example of helping people on the margins to have a voice for positive change.

-- Rev. John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops.
CCHD National Collection

Each year, the national fall collection for CCHD provides grants to non-profit organizations that work to break the cycle of poverty through community or economic development projects.

Local Grants: 25% of the collection taken in our Archdiocese remains in our Diocese to fund local projects. Local “seed” grants of $1,500-$10,000 are available to eligible groups working with the poor to address long-term solutions. CCHD also matches some grants offered by The Catholic Foundation. Local grants are available at any time.

National Grants: The remaining 75% of the collection is pooled with other Dioceses to fund larger national grants. National grants may award $25,000-$75,000. A “Pre-Application” to determine National grant eligibility is available September 1st until November 1st at www.usccb.org/cchd/grants.

“... bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” --Luke 4:18

Catholic Identity

As a program of the Catholic Church in the United States, CCHD draws its directions, policies and practices from Catholic social and moral teaching. CCHD cannot fund organizations that engage in activities that contradict fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching.

Prohibited Positions Include: promotion or support of contraception, abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, the use of the death penalty, punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.

Prohibited Activities Include: participation in, raising money for, or endorsing actions that promote legislation, ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching.

Prohibited Coalitions: CCHD cannot fund groups that knowingly participate in coalitions or associations that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching.

CCHD focuses on local communities seeking to give voice to those closest to problems of poverty.

CCHD supports self-help efforts to bring about positive institutional changes that address root causes of poverty.

CCHD seeks to use financial, human, and institutional resources to advance CCHD's mission in accountable and transparent ways.