



*Catholic Organizations Promoting Education of the Covid-19 Vaccination*

## Microgrant Program

### MISSION

The purpose of the coalition is to promote vaccine acceptance, equity, advocacy, and understanding. The problem it wants to address is vaccine hesitancy. According to the PRRI (March 2021), 23% of White Catholics and 34% of Hispanic Catholics are hesitant to receive the vaccine. In addition, coalition members report some groups are not served due to the assumptions about distribution (i.e., the need for internet access, transportation, and work).

### MICROGRANTS - A CALL FOR CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION

The coalition created a microgrant program to encourage creativity and collaboration to fund activities that positively impact vaccine acceptance and equitable distribution by Catholic organizations in seven designated areas: *Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Colorado, Georgia, and the Mid-Atlantic cities of Baltimore and Washington DC.* Microgrants are available between \$10,000-\$15,000 per organization. Funding is limited.

- 1) Complete the online application at [www.CatholicCares.org](http://www.CatholicCares.org). A working copy of the application is attached. **Applications due on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month**
- 2) Respond to a follow-up email from the award committee.
- 3) If awarded, accept the terms and conditions for the microgrant.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) The grantee warrants that it is a tax-exempt Catholic organization and the microgrant will be used for the activities outlined in the application.
- 2) These activities will have a start and end date.
- 3) The organization will recognize that some of the funds needed for the activity were made possible by Kaiser Permanente through the Catholic Cares Coalition.
- 4) Funds will be available once awarded and accepted by the responsible person. Funds will be sent by check from the United States Catholic Mission Association, the fiduciary agent for the Catholic Cares Coalition.
- 5) The awardee will provide a report to the coalition on its activities, its outputs, and the immediate outcomes within 30 days of the completion of the activities.

### FUNDING CRITERIA

- 1) The organization is Catholic.
- 2) The organization displays a reasonable assessment of the need.
- 3) The organization has a clear population it wants to serve.
- 4) The organization has a clearly described activity and the capacity to successfully implement that activity.
- 5) The organization provided a reasonable description of the costs and how the funds will be used to support its activities.

### FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact Don McCrabb at [dmccrabb@uscatholicmission.org](mailto:dmccrabb@uscatholicmission.org)

## COVID-19: Know the Numbers



As of November 1, 2021  
Global deaths: 4.9 million  
United States deaths: 738,000



Global cases: 246.5 million  
United States cases: 45.6 million

Covid-19 is a deadly virus with the highest number of cases in the United States. Vaccination is the best way to protect the health and well-being of human beings and to stop the spread of the virus. Yet, a significant number of Catholics (23% white, 34% Hispanic according to PRRI) describe themselves as vaccine hesitant.



### Call to Action



December 21, 2020, the Doctrine of the Faith, approved by Pope Francis, issued a statement, "all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience. . . that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive."



Bishop Kevin Rhoades (Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine) said accepting vaccination "can be an act of charity that serves the common good."



**CATHOLIC  
CARES  
COALITION**

Leaders of 59 Catholic organizations came together to promote vaccine acceptance, its equitable distribution, and accompany those who were uncertain of its morality.

An act of charity and solidarity

[www.catholiccares.org](http://www.catholiccares.org)

# Working Copy of Application

Please complete the application on the website – [www.CatholicCares.org](http://www.CatholicCares.org) – to speed the review process. This working copy provides all the information you will be asked to submit in the online application. Applications due the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Funds are limited.

## ORGANIZATION

Name of Catholic Organization:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
EIN:		
(Arch)diocese:		

## RESPONSIBLE PERSON

Name:		
Address (if different than organization):		
City:	State:	Zip:
Office Phone:	Cell Phone:	Position:
Email:		

## ACTIVITY

Vaccine Acceptance Rate:  Please use the link provided to note your vaccine acceptance rate <a href="https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/Vaccine-Hesitancy-for-COVID-19-County-and-local-es/q9mh-h2tw/data">https://data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/Vaccine-Hesitancy-for-COVID-19-County-and-local-es/q9mh-h2tw/data</a> :
Description: Who are you trying to engage? What activity is being used to engage them? When will the activity begin and end?
Budget:  What is the breakdown of expenses? What is the total requested?