

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

2026 Diocese of Joliet Local CCHD Grant

Guidelines and Application

Department of Catechesis and Evangelization – Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Guidelines:

Applicants must fall into one of two categories:

1. **Non-profit organizations serving underprivileged, underserved, or other communities impacted by poverty and/or populations with specific needs not addressed.**
 - a. Must fill in a need in the local community.
 - b. Must demonstrate a willingness to collaborate with other organizations within the community to address stated needs.
 - c. Must have a current 501(c)3 status.
 - d. Must serve one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy (see below).
 - e. Must adhere to Catholic Social Teaching (see below).
 - f. Must operate in the geographic area of the Diocese of Joliet.
 - g. Must have a clear organizational structure and financial stability.
2. **Parish-based service projects serving low income and/or underserved members of their communities.**
 - a. Must be a parish of the Diocese of Joliet.
 - b. Must fill a need in the local community.
 - c. Must demonstrate a willingness to collaborate with other parishes, faith-based communities, and local organizations within the community to address needs.
 - d. Must have a dedicated volunteer base.
 - e. Must serve one or more of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy (see below).
 - f. Must adhere to Catholic Social Teaching (see below).
 - g. Must have the financial support of the parish and local community as evidenced through regularly occurring monetary and in-kind donations.
 - h. Must have letter of support from parish pastor and/or parish council.

General Criteria for All Applicants

1. Low-income communities or underserved/underprivileged communities must be the primary focus of the project funding.
2. Applicants should be engaging with the impacted community members in mission, service and future planning.
3. Applicants with a partisan political focus or a government run organization will NOT be considered.
4. For-profit organizations will NOT be considered.

5. Applicant projects must focus on at least one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy, including:
 - a. Feeding the Hungry
 - b. Giving Drink to the Thirsty
 - c. Clothing the Naked
 - d. Sheltering the Homeless
 - e. Visiting the Sick
 - f. Visiting the Imprisoned
 - g. Burying the Dead
6. Applicants must also be aligned with Catholic Social Teaching, including:
 - a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
 - b. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
 - c. Rights and Responsibilities
 - d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 - e. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
 - f. Solidarity
 - g. Care for God's Creation

Application Timeline:

1. Applications will be accepted starting January 19, 2026, via email and postal mail.
2. Application deadline is March 9, 2026, applications must be postmarked by this date for consideration.
3. Grant awards of up to \$2000 may be requested, although final determinations are made by the grant committee.
4. Application will only be accepted if fully complete and all documents included.
5. Site visits will begin in April 2026.
6. Grantees will be notified of any award by June 12, 2026.
7. Grantee luncheon celebration will be held summer 2026 (date TBD).

Application Requirements:

1. **Non-profit based grants** please include the following:
 - a. Copy of most recent operating budget
 - b. Copy of IRS Tax Exempt form
 - c. Copy of current board
 - d. Copies of program literature and/or marketing
 - e. Completed grant application
2. **Parish based grants** please include the following:
 - a. Operating schedule
 - b. Volunteer schedule
 - c. Statement of support from parish council or parish pastor
 - d. Photographs of operation and copies of bulletin advertisements
 - e. Copy of operating budget, including any parish monetary or in-kind fundraising drives
 - f. Completed grant application

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Return to Tanya Singh

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All applications must include the information requested to be considered for funding.

Please fill out the appropriate application section (non-profit or parish based).

Applicants may request grants of up to \$2000, funding will be provided based on CCHD donations received and at the discretion of the CCHD director.

Grantees will be notified of funding by June 2026 and a lunch celebration will be held summer 2026 (date to be determined).

Non-Profit Organizations Application

Please be sure your application includes the following:

- a. Copy of most recent operating budget_____**
- b. Copy of IRS Tax Exempt form_____**
- c. Copy of current board_____**
- d. Copies of program literature and/or marketing_____**
- e. Completed grant application_____**
- f. Funding summary if you received a grant in 2025_____**

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

2. NAME OF PROJECT:

3. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:

4: NAME OF PROJECT DIRECTOR (IF DIFFERENT):

5: MAILING ADDRESS:

6: TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

7: IF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TAX EXEMPT NUMBER:

8: AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED (LIMIT OF \$2000):

9: DID YOU RECEIVE FUNDING IN 2025 FROM CCHD (IF YES, PLEASE INCLUDE A FUNDING SUMMARY, APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THIS SUMMARY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED):

Non-Profit Organizations

Please describe in detail the program that you are requesting funding for:

Please share one example of the issues that your organization is addressing and why this work is necessary to your local community:

Which of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy is your projected engaged with and how do you affect change in this area:

How is your mission aligned with Catholic Social Teaching:

What specific needs will be addressed with funding from CCHD:

Please share one example of how your community is engaged with your work and shows its support for your work:

Please share one example of how those you are serving, also have a voice within your organization that has a direct impact on the direction of your work:

Please share one specific example of how collaboration with the community is addressing root causes of poverty, discrimination, and other systemic needs:

Funding for programs this past year has been challenging for many organizations. How has your organization tackled this to ensure that the vital work you are doing has the resources available to continue? What has been the biggest challenge in this area that you have had to overcome and how have you done that:

In Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, he shares that Pope Francis recalled "our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote, and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted, and integrated". He later writes of St. Teresa of Calcutta who proclaimed "We are wanting to proclaim the good news to the poor that God loves them, that we love them, that they are somebody to us, that they too have been created by the same loving hand of God, to love and to be loved. Our poor people are great people, are very loveable people, they do not need our pity and sympathy, they need our understanding love. They need our respect; they need that we treat them with dignity".

- Pope Leo XIV Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te

All applicants, thinking about Pope Leo's message above, please answer the following question:

How does your organization "welcome, protect, promote, and integrate" those you serve? In what ways, is your work a reflection of this reminder from Pope Leo, Pope Francis, and St. Teresa of Calcutta that "Every human being is a child of God!" and "We ourselves need to see and then to enable others to see (those we serve) are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected, and loved with dignity".

Parish Based Programs/Ministries/Projects

Please be sure the following are included with your application:

- a. Operating schedule_____**
- b. Volunteer schedule_____**
- c. Statement of support from parish council or parish pastor_____**
- d. Photographs of operation and copies of bulletin advertisements_____**
- e. Copy of operating budget, including any parish monetary or in-kind fundraising drives_____**
- f. Completed grant application_____**
- g. Funding summary is you received funding in 2025_____**

1. NAME OF PARISH:

2. NAME OF PROJECT/MINISTRY/PROGRAM:

3. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:

4: NAME OF PROJECT DIRECTOR (IF DIFFERENT):

5: MAILING ADDRESS:

6: TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

7: NAME OF PASTOR:

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Parish Based Projects

Please describe in detail the project that you are requesting funding for:

Please share one example of the problems or needs that your parish is addressing and why this work is necessary in your local community:

Which of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy does your project touch and how do you affect change in this area:

How has your parish project/ministry utilized Catholic Social Teaching in guiding the direction of your work?

What specific needs will you use CCHD funding to address:

Please share one example of how your parish community supports the work of this project/ministry:

Please provide one example of how your project/ministry leadership collaborates with other area parishes, churches, and other organizations to address the underlying needs and root causes of poverty and discrimination in your community:

Please provide one example of how your parishioners are involved with this project and specific ways they show their support:

Funding has been challenging for many non-profit organizations this past year. How has your ministry or project helped to fill need gaps in the community due to the strain of funding challenges and how can you partner more often with local non-profit organizations to ensure that families in need are able to receive services:

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