

Criteria for Awarding CCHD Parish Grants:

1. The identified ministry and the activities of the parish and all partnering organizations shall be in keeping with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
2. The Catholic parish has a primary role in the management of the ministry and parishioners are actively engaged.
3. Ministries should:
 - a) help solve community-wide problems for those living on the margins of society
 - b) empower the poor to make ongoing life changes to become more self-sufficient in meeting his or her basic human needs
 - c) make transformational change in the lives of those being served and not just increasing the ministry's capacity to assist more people
4. Subsequent year grants may be awarded based upon worthiness of the project and availability of funds.
5. The ministry monitors and assesses outcomes to track progress and make necessary changes to better serve the intended population.
6. Funding preference will be given to applications for costs associated with: a) the implementation and delivery of the ministry, such as space, materials, etc. and b) applications that engage and educate parishioners in the "teaching a person to fish" model over staffing costs.
7. The parish is the primary applicant to whom funding will be provided for the assistance of the ministry. No funding will be directly awarded to other organizations.
8. If a partnering group/organization is found to not be in compliance with the Church's moral and ethical teachings, then subsequent funding will not be considered for that specific ministry until written documentation is provided showing full compliance by all groups/organizations.
9. Depending on the amount of the previous years' collection, approximately \$20,000 a year in funding may be available. Each ministry is able to request up to \$8,000.