

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Catholic Diocese of Richmond funding Criteria and Guidelines

To be eligible for CCHD funds, an organization must satisfy ALL the following criteria and guidelines. Non-Diocesan Organizations must complete the Approval Process for Organizations seeking Diocesan Promotion before their application will be considered. For a copy of the documents related to that process, contact the Office of Social Ministries at osm@richmonddiocese.org . Please bear in mind that because CCHD has limited financial resources available for grant making, eligibility does not guarantee funding.

Criteria

1. The activity for which funding is requested must conform to the moral and social teaching of the Catholic Church. Organizations that receive CCHD funds must not participate in or promote activities that contradict the Moral and Social teaching of the Catholic Church and must in no way work against the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' priorities to defend human life and dignity, strengthen family life and the institution of marriage, and foster diversity, or against the Legislative Agenda of the Virginia Catholic Conference (www.VACatholic.org). For example, organizations that support or promote same-sex marriage, discrimination, capital punishment, abortion, euthanasia, or punitive measures towards immigrants are not eligible for CCHD funding.
2. The applicant organization must demonstrate both the intention and capacity to effectively work toward the elimination of poverty and/or to enact institutional change. The Office of Social Ministries defines institutional change as:
 - a. Modification of existing laws and/or policies; or innovations in methods of social service delivery
 - b. Establishment of participatory and just social structures and/or redistribution of decision-making powers so that people living in poverty can be involved in policy-making that affects their lives.
3. **OR** The applicant organization must demonstrate both the intention and capacity to create income and/or assets for a low income community or low income individuals. Examples of potential economic development programs, please [click here](#).

4. The organization's efforts must benefit people living in poverty. At least 50% of those benefiting from the organization, project, program, and/or activities must be people experiencing poverty.
5. People living in poverty must have a prominent voice in the organization, project, program, or activity seeking funding. At least 30% of those who plan, implement and make policy, should be persons who are involuntarily poor (VISTA volunteers, students, etc. are considered by CCHD to be voluntarily poor).

Guidelines

1. The applicant's efforts should directly benefit a relatively large number of people rather than a few individuals.
2. The applicant should generate cooperation among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.
3. An applicant seeking "seed" or "matching monies" will be considered. If requesting these monies, applicants should present positive documentation that other public and/or private sources will commit their funds to support the organization's efforts.
4. **Priority will be given** to Parishes, organizations, institutions, and programs of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.
5. **Priority will be given** to applicants that demonstrate ongoing leadership development for people of low income.
6. **Priority will be given** to applicants that demonstrate a clear vision for the development of greater financial capacity that might include membership dues, grassroots fundraising, foundation and/or corporate support.

Ineligible for Funding

The following general classifications do not meet CCHD criteria and/or guidelines for grants:

1. Organizations that participate in initiatives or projects contrary to Catholic Moral and Social Teaching.

2. Organizations that participate in coalitions that, in their mission, purpose, or agenda, promote initiatives or projects contrary to Catholic Moral and Social Teaching.
3. Programs or projects primarily focused on the provision of traditional direct services (e.g., day-care centers, recreation programs, community centers, scholarships, subsidies, counseling programs, referral services, cultural enrichment programs, direct clinical services, emergency shelters and other services, refugee resettlement programs, etc.).
4. Advocacy efforts where only staff, a few individuals or middle to upper-income people are speaking for a particular low- income constituency without the direct involvement and leadership of low-income individuals.
5. Organizations controlled by governmental (federal, state, local) bodies.
6. Research projects, surveys, planning and feasibility studies, etc.
7. Individually owned, for-profit businesses.
8. Organizations that would use CCHD money for a re-granting purpose or to fund other organizations.
9. Organizations engaged in partisan political activities.

Projects That Do Meet CCHD Criteria

CCHD funds community organizing and economic development initiatives that develop local solutions to local community issues.

CCHD Funding Policies

- CCHD funds are allocated only to organizations that are incorporated and where the organization has an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation.
- If the applicant organization is not incorporated and federally tax exempt, CCHD may allow use of a fiscal agent to receive the grant funds and to distribute them to the funded group. To qualify, the fiscal agent must be incorporated and must have a current 501(c)(3) designation. A fiscal agent does not direct a funded effort. Their primary purpose is to transmit the CCHD funds and oversee their proper use.
- Organizations are eligible to receive Community Organizing grants for up to two three-year cycles with eligibility determined each year through the application process. Funds may be requested for either (a) general

organizational support or (b) support for specific initiative(s) of an organization. Economic Development grants are for up to three years.

Moral and Social Teaching of the Catholic Church In light of the Catholic Church's moral and social teaching, CCHD asks organizations requesting funding to understand and adhere to some basic principles which are central to the Catholic tradition. CCHD will consider favorably only those organizations which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity. For more information, please see <http://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-social-ministries/> CCHD will not consider organizations which promote or support violence, racism, sexism, or prejudices, in any form. We realize that conflict is inevitable and often an element of social change. However, conflict must take place in an atmosphere of non-violence and respect for the inviolable dignity of the human persons. Signatures of authorized organization officials on the Grant Agreement indicate adherence to these principles in the administration of any CCHD-funded organization.