

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Funding Information

What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development?

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an action, education program, initiated in 1969 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. The mission of CCHD, to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor to create their own conditions of dignity, is rooted in the basic principles of the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

To further the purposes of the Catholic Bishops, CCHD seeks to carry out the church's option for the poor through the empowerment of poor people; educate Catholics about the causes of poverty; and build solidarity among diverse groups in our society by providing ways for them to engage in the empowerment process.

The primary objectives of CCHD are: to fund projects developed by poverty groups which work toward systemic change, economic strength and political power and to educate Americans about the conditions and causes of poverty.

being carried out under the sponsorship of an organization. In some cases, an organization may request funding from CCHD for its general operating expenses. In these cases, the organization then becomes a 'project' for CCHD purposes.

- For an organization to be eligible for a new project it must demonstrate that the new project endeavors to address activities which are distinctly different than those funded previously by CCHD.
- It is the policy of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to allocate funds only to projects of organizations which are incorporated and where the organization has an Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation.
- Milwaukee Local CCHD will only consider proposals requesting grants of \$10,000 or less. Amounts granted may differ from amounts requested.

General information about the local funding process

- Answer all questions on the application form using no more than the space provided.
- **Mail 15 copies** of your proposal by January 31 to:
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
3501 South Lake Drive, P.O. Box 070912
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207-0912
- Funding decisions are announced in May.

CCHD funding policies

- CCHD funds projects which are eligible for up to three CCHD grants. CCHD funds projects which are often separate and distinct activities

Criteria for CCHD funding

To be eligible for CCHD funds, a project must satisfy all of the following criteria simultaneously. However, due to limited financial resources, eligibility does not guarantee funding.

1. The project must benefit a poverty group.

At least 50% of those benefiting from the project must be from the low-income community. The project must also demonstrate the ability and have a plan to develop leaders from that low-income community.

Your organization needs to state how you define poverty for your community. This can be both descriptive and/or statistical. You may use Federal, State, local or other indicators to define poverty.

2. **Members of the poverty groups must have the dominant voice in the project.** At least 50% of those who plan, implement and make policy (e.g. the Board of Directors) of a project, should be persons who are involuntarily poor. (Clergy, students, VISTA volunteers, etc. are considered by CCHD to be voluntarily poor.) For projects which do not presently meet this criterion, applicants must document the following:
 - a. Why members of the poverty group do not have the dominant role in planning, implementing and policy making at the time of application.
 - b. How members of the poverty group were involved in determining their need for the project.
 - c. What time schedule is planned for the poverty group to assume leadership and control of this project.
3. **Projects must work to bring about institutional change by attacking the basic social, economic and political causes of poverty.** CCHD defines institutional change as:
 - a. Modification of existing laws and/or policies;
 - b. Establishment of alternative structures and/or redistribution of decision-making powers;
 - c. To a lesser extent: Provision of services which result in the achievement of (a) and/or (b), or leads the recipient community to focus on (a) and/or (b).
4. **No CCHD funds will be granted to organizations that would use granted money to fund other organizations.**
5. **The project activity for which funding is requested must conform to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.**
6. **Projects should directly benefit a relatively large number of people rather than a few individuals.**
7. **Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.**
8. **Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the timelines established in the proposal.**

Projects that do not meet CCHD criteria

The following classifications do not meet CCHD funding criteria:

1. Direct service projects (e.g. day care centers, recreation projects, community centers, scholarships, subsidies, counseling programs, referral services, cultural enrichment programs, direct clinical services, emergency shelters and food programs, refugee resettlement programs, etc.)
2. Projects controlled by government (federal, state, local), educational or ecclesiastical bodies.
3. Research projects, surveys, planning and feasibility studies, etc.
4. Projects sponsored by organizations which at present receive substantial sums from other funding agencies, (private or public), unless the applicant documents that this project cannot be funded by these agencies.
5. Individually owned, for-profit businesses.
6. Projects engaged in partisan political activity, or projects sponsored by organizations whose major focus is in partisan political activity.

Projects that do meet CCHD criteria

CCHD primarily funds community organizing projects where groups of people participate in solving problems that affect their lives. A common theme in community organizing is building a powerful organization to influence decision-making processes so that people working together can bring about change in policies, institutions and/or laws. Another theme is the development of local leadership through these community organizations.

Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact the CCHD Diocesan Director, Ron Spitz at 414-769-3419 or e-mail rspitz@ccmke.org.

The enclosed form is also available as an Adobe Acrobat PDF at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website: www.archmil.org.