

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA



OVERVIEW OF LOCAL GRANTS AVAILABLE Catholic Campaign for Human Development Archdiocese of Atlanta

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty, social justice program established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 1969. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations and through transformative education.

Organizations and programs that embody this mission receive grants funded by the annual CCHD Second Collection each November. Of the funds collected in each (arch)diocese, 75% go toward national grants, administered by the USCCB, while 25% remain in the local church to be allocated at the discretion of the (arch)bishop.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta uses its local funds to award grants under three categories:

- Community Grants,
- Parish Project Grants
- Parish Education/Awareness Grants

Community Grants

Community grants fund local 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations whose work *aligns with Catholic teaching* and who conduct politically *non-partisan* projects in North Georgia. Projects eligible for local community funding should focus on *correcting social injustices* and *empowering* low-income people to affect community transformation, rather than simply providing direct services. Low-income or marginalized people must have a prominent presence in the organization's leadership structure and decision-making process. Projects should directly benefit a significant number of low-income/marginalized people, rather than just a few individuals, and should generate cooperation and solidarity among diverse groups.

- **Allocations:** Community Grant awards range up to \$10,000. Eligibility does not guarantee funding—projects that most closely fit the criteria and guidelines will be given priority in the evaluation process. Organizations are eligible for a maximum of three (3) years of funding in a five-year period. Funding in one year does not guarantee funding in subsequent years. All interested parties must re-apply annually.

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Parish Project Grants

Parish Project Grants support Catholic parish-based initiatives that develop leadership, promote advocacy around a particular justice issue, or help marginalized people bring about structural change. Parish grants often focus on bringing together separated groups within the parish. The goal of parish projects should focus on systemic or institutional change, rather than funding direct services.

- **Allocations:** Parish Project Grant awards range up to \$5,000. Separate submissions must be made for each project. (Education/Awareness grant requests require a different application.) Eligibility does not guarantee funding—projects that most closely fit the criteria and guidelines will be given priority in the evaluation process. Parishes may submit multiple grant requests; however, the Pastor's input will be strongly considered in determining grant award amounts if multiple grants are submitted. A parish may receive up to a combined total of \$5,000 for all Parish Project and Education/Awareness grants.

Parish Education/Awareness Grants

Parish Education/Awareness Grants offer financial assistance to parishes facilitating education programs focusing on Catholic Social Teaching (such as JustFaith or USCCB's Salt and Light) or issue-specific awareness programs. Funds are available to help offset parish expenses for speakers and materials.

- **Allocations:** Parish Education/Awareness Grant awards range up to \$2,500. (Parish Project grant requests require a different application.) Eligibility does not guarantee funding—projects that most closely fit the criteria and guidelines will be given priority in the evaluation process. Parishes may submit multiple grant requests, however the Pastor's input will be strongly considered in determining grant award amounts if multiple grants are submitted. A parish may receive up to a combined total of \$5,000 for all Parish Project and Education/Awareness grants.

To apply for a Local Community Grant, Parish Project Grant, or Parish Education/Awareness Grant for the 2027 funding cycle, please submit the [CCHD Grant Application Interest Form](#). Eligible organizations and parishes will receive the full application by email *after* submitting the interest form.

Please contact Drew Denton, Director of Restorative Justice Ministries, with questions or concerns at any point in the application process: ddenton@archatl.com or 404-920-7898.