

WORKS OF JUSTICE FUND

Catholic Campaign for Human Development / Diocese of Winona

FUNDING INFORMATION

General Information:

Parish Social Ministry Program
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona
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Program Description:

The **Works of Justice Fund** is part of the diocesan Catholic Campaign for Human Development program. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), founded in 1969, is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. CCHD provides grants and loans to poor communities who are pulling themselves out of poverty through community organizing, economic development, and housing and education initiatives.

The grants, economic development, and education for justice programs of the Campaign, implemented in collaboration with local dioceses, are supported by an annual collection in U.S. Catholic parishes (taken up in the Diocese of Winona on the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Seventy-five percent of the collection goes to the national CCHD office to fund projects throughout the country. The other 25 percent remains in the diocese to fund local justice-oriented efforts through the Works of Justice Fund.

Criteria and Guidelines:

A. Criteria

- 1. The project benefits people of limited income and resources.*
- 2. Those persons benefitting from the project have a significant voice in its planning and implementation.*
- 3. The project activity for which funding is requested conforms to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.*

B. Guidelines

- 1. The project addresses a demonstrated need within the community.*
- 2. The project seeks to attack the basic causes of poverty by effecting institutional change. [“Effecting institutional change” refers to an organization's ability to influence the economic and political decisions that affect low-income people by impacting government, private business, and other institutions, and/or by establishing alternative institutions.]*
- 3. The project generates cooperation among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.*

Application/Funding Timetable: Applications are accepted and reviewed twice a year.

Open: Requests for Works of Justice Fund applications are received and application forms are sent out to the applicant organizations.

April 15

Applications for Works of Justice funding are due in to the Parish Social Ministry Program.

**April-May
Oct.-Nov.**

The Works of Justice Committee reviews the applications. (Any proposals determined not to meet funding criteria and guidelines are excluded from further consideration.)

The Works of Justice Committee meets to evaluate the applications in terms of the established criteria and guidelines [see above]. (Representatives of the applicant organizations, whose proposals are still being actively considered for funding, are invited to meet with the committee to discuss their proposals and to address any questions or concerns of the committee.)

The Diocesan Director makes any on-site visits to the applicant organizations deemed necessary.

Funding decisions made in April/May are applied starting in the summer. Final approval is made by the College of Consultors at the next scheduled meeting after a recommendation from the Works of Justice Committee. Notification of approval or rejection will be given to applying organizations after this final step.

July

Initial disbursement of funds, generally done in two installments.

November 15

Semi-annual reports from funded organizations are due. Funded organizations are requested to provide information concerning the progress of the funded project and to account for the use of the Works of Justice funds disbursed to them.

Funding Amounts / Length of Funding:

The usual maximum grant amount, within a single funding cycle, is \$5,000.00. There is no minimum funding level. Funding for a specific project, or general support funding for an organization, is limited to once every three years.
