



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

GRANT GUIDELINES

PILLARS, ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING OBJECTIVES FOR THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS, OHIO

Parish Life: Addressing the capital and infrastructure needs of the diocesan parishes

Who Can Apply: Parishes in the Diocese

Types of Projects:

- Cemetary Care
- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff Positions, Professional
- Development & Training Opportunities
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle

Catholic Education: Addressing the diocesan capital, education, evangelization and faith formation needs of the faithful

Who Can Apply: Invited Schools and Ministries in the Diocese

- Adult Faith Formation
- Diocesan Offices
- Elementary Schools
- High Schools
- Parish School of Religion
- Senior Ministries
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Ministrys

Types of Projects:

- Educational Programs
- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Faith Formation Programs
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff Positions, Professional Development & Training Opportunities
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle

Social Service: Addressing the needs of the marginalized in the diocesan parish communities

Who Can Apply: Pre-Selected Ministries & Parishes in the Diocese

- Diocesan Offices
- Diocesan-Sponsored Ministries
- Parishes who Sponsor Ministries
- Pre-selected ministries approved by the Board of

Types of Projects:

- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff Positions
- Professional Development & Training
- Program Development
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle

Vocations: Addressing the diocesan need for Holy Orders, the call to religious life and marriage.

Who Can Apply: Pre-selected religious orders, ministries and parishes in the diocese

Types of Projects:

- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff Positions
- Program Development
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle
- Training Opportunities





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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Three funding choices within each pillar are offered. Applications are weighed on needs identified within each pillar and the potential of the project to address those needs. Favored projects are financially sustainable, collaborative, and have support from more than one source.

Mission Grants: Most grants will fall in this range and are designed to help ministries with simple capital or program-related needs. Awards will be announced in October.

- Up to \$10,000
- One Application
- One Final Assessment required

Purpose Grants: Many grants will fall in this range and are for larger investments for program or capital needs. These grants will be awarded in December.

- \$10,000–\$25,000
- Two-Phase Application Process
- One Final Assessment required

Vision Grants: A limited number of capital and program grants are available for partnership. Priority will be given to projects with a sustainability plan and will be awarded in February.

- \$25,000 or more with a maximum of \$50,000 per year
- Multi-year projects considered
- Two-Phase Application and Site Visit required
- One or multiple reports required

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

Applications will be available for approximately 4 weeks and must be submitted online.

- Successfully submitted applications will automatically be emailed a notification.
Note: If no email is received upon submittal, please contact the Foundation immediately.
- All communications with relation to the grant process will be by email.
- Supporting documentation such as receipts or estimates may be required.
- Documents must be approved by the pastor, principal or organization leader.
- Funds are released only with an executed grant agreement on file at the Foundation.

Applications that do not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified without review.

- Projects administered by the same grantee for which funding has been awarded 3 years consecutively will be asked to take a one-year hiatus from applying for the same project.
- Ministries with a multi-year grant in progress must abstain from applying within that pillar until the grant is complete
- Parishes may apply once per pillar.
- If more than one application per ministry is submitted under a pillar, all will be rejected.
Note: Only parishes may apply multiple times under the pillar of Catholic Education & Faith Formation; however, only ONE application PER MINISTRY is permitted.
- All paperwork must be submitted by NOON on the specified FRIDAY deadline.
- No late paperwork is accepted without prior approval.
- Failure to turn in required paperwork excludes grantees from the next funding cycle

The Foundation does not consider Responsive Grant requests for the following needs:

- Capital Campaigns
- Endowments
- Scholarships
- Individual Tuition Assistance

