



# 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:**

- Cemetery Care
- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff, 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
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle
- Parish School of Religion
- Senior Ministries
- Young Adult Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- New Staff Positions, Professional Development & Training Opportunities

**Types of Projects:**

- Educational Programs
- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Faith Formation Programs
- Maintenance & Repair Needs

**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
- Project reimbursement within one year prior to the grant cycle
- Parishes which sponsor Social Service ministries
- Pre-selected ministries approved by the Board of
- Program Development

**Types of Projects:**

- Equipment & Resource Materials
- Maintenance & Repair Needs
- New Staff Positions
- Professional Development & Training

**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 funding 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.

- Up to \$10,000
- One Application

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

- \$10,000-\$25,000
- Additional questions required on application
- Capital projects must be reviewed by Bob Sisson's team (Office of Facilities) if the grantee is a Diocesan entity (parish, school, etc.) - [rsisson@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:rsisson@columbuscatholic.org)

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

- \$25,000 or more with a maximum of \$50,000 per year
- Multi-year projects considered
- Additional questions required on application
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#### 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.**

- Organizations awarded funding 3 consecutive years will be asked to take a one-year hiatus from applying.
- 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 organization is submitted under a pillar, all will be rejected.
- All paperwork must be submitted by NOON on the specified 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
- Scholarships
- Individual Tuition Assistance
- Endowments

