

Archdiocese of Seattle - Missions
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
2025 Local Grant Allocation Process

Please review the following information and criteria for this year's Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) grant process. Additional information and application forms are provided in a separate document at [Archdiocese of Seattle CCHD Grants](#). Funds for these grants come directly from the Catholic parishioners of the Archdiocese of Seattle who contribute to the annual CCHD collection each September. The Catholic Bishops of the United States founded the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in 1970 to fund projects that address the root causes of poverty and empower the disadvantaged. CCHD supports the efforts of people with low incomes to change the social, political and economic conditions that cause and perpetuate poverty. People living in poverty should have a dominant voice in the organization. Organizations that receive CCHD funds must not participate in or promote activities that contradict the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church and must in no way work against the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' priorities to defend human life and dignity, strengthen family life and the institution of marriage, and foster diversity. Organizations may not participate or intervene in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The national CCHD website is www.usccb.org/cchd.

Grant awards are limited to no more than \$10,000

Applications for Local CCHD Grants must be received by 5pm, September 19, 2025.

An allocation committee will review requests and make recommendations to the Archbishop of Seattle. Applicants should expect a decision on their grant application in October. For questions, please contact Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs at (206) 274-3194 or chris.koehler@seattlearch.org

Criteria for local CCHD grants

We are interested in supporting the growth and development of organizations and groups that are led by low-income communities and address institutional or structural change as defined by the USCCB [here](#). Eligible activities include leadership development and training, and similar efforts to build capacity and effectiveness of staff and volunteer leadership in advocating for changes to public policy and/or operational structures of government, corporations, or private agencies that create poverty, keep people poor, or impose injustice on poor people. Direct services are not eligible, and the CCHD local grants committee will not review any proposals for direct service projects such as social services, counseling programs, emergency assistance, clinical services, food banks, training programs, etc.

Organizations must:

- be controlled by or demonstrate significant direction by low-income people;
- address institutional or structural change as defined by the USCCB [here](#);
- be consistent with Catholic social and moral teaching as described in the CCHD basic principles of Catholic mission at <http://bit.ly/1GBKhOr>;
- be a 501(c)(3) organization. If not, the fiscal agent for the group must be a 501(c)(3) organization.

If your organization was a recipient of CCHD funds in 2024, per instructions in your award, you were to have submitted a “how funds were used” report to be considered for a new grant. If this report has yet to be submitted, it must be submitted along with your new application to receive consideration. Email to Chris Koehler at chris.koehler@seattlearch.org