



### **Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice**

The Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice provides grants to parish and community groups to further the social ministry of the Church in the Archdiocese of New York. These grants are built on the core Catholic belief in the dignity of each person as made in the image of God, and seek to advance Catholic Charities mission to build a more just and compassionate society

### **Grant Categories:**

The Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice will have two grant programs:

**Parish Social Ministry Initiatives:** Parish Social Ministry grants will range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 each to parishes, clusters of parishes or deaneries to support promote charity and justice initiatives of outreach, organizing, service and social ministry.

**Community & Economic Development Projects:** Community & Economic Development grants will range from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to support efforts to address the root causes of poverty, through direct organizing and/or advocacy, with the hope, low-income people will be empowered, change problematic structures and barriers in their communities. Community & Economic Development grants can also support initiatives that engage the poor and vulnerable in creating decent jobs and/or develop assets that will be owned by or benefit local communities.

### **Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be 501(c)3 not-for-profits or have a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor
- Applicants must not support or promote activities that contradict the teachings of the Catholic Church nor use grant funds to support or oppose political candidates.
- Applicants should seek to significantly involve those impacted in directing the project.

**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR**  
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN FOR CHARITY AND JUSTICE GRANTS**

These examples are organized into the Catholic Charities five main program areas:

**Protecting & Nurturing Children & Youth**

- The Kennedy Memorial Center in Harlem provides a space for at-risk youth to gather in a safe space, play sports, and receive additional support for them and their families.

**Feeding the Hungry & Sheltering the Homeless**

- A parish in mid-Westchester runs a food pantry which is open to all community members in need while also providing assistance with applications for additional benefits to help families become stable.

**Strengthening Families & Resolving Crises**

- In partnership with local community groups, a parish in Northern Manhattan launched an initiative to bring families back around the dinner table, learn about healthy food options, while engaging in dialogue around the issues impacting their community.

**Supporting the Physically & Emotionally Challenged**

- The “Visiting Friends” ministry of a Westside parish in Manhattan, organizes volunteers to visit the homebound (the elderly, disabled, ill) in their community to provide the comfort of company and social interaction, ensuring that no one is forgotten and that the needs of some of the most vulnerable in their community are met.

**Welcoming & Integrating Immigrants & Refugees**

- Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) organizes parishes in parts of Westchester County, to assist in the resettlement of refugees by creating a supportive environment of welcome and providing direct assistance in identifying employment and educational opportunities.