



## 2019 Grant Guidelines

We appreciate your time and interest in learning about the Catholic Foundation of Michigan. We strive to make the granting process as open and clear as possible. Our grants address community needs within our three focus areas: Social Outreach, Education/Formation, and Parish Life. If you believe your project may be a fit with our funding priorities, we invite you to submit an **online** Letter of Intent (LOI) so that we can begin working with you to see if our collective priorities align.

### Funding Eligibility

Before submitting an online Letter of Intent (LOI), please review the following requirements:

- The mission, values and behaviors of your organization are in line with Catholic Teachings
- Organization is a U.S. 501(c)(3) with audited financial statements
- Nonprofit entities in Michigan that serve communities primarily Michigan
- Addresses one or more of the grant making priorities (detailed below)

We will not consider funding the following:

- Individuals
- Funds designated for endowment, deficit financing, capital campaigns, or loans
- Programs operated to benefit for-profit organizations
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of any federally protected status

### Process Overview



### How to Apply

After reviewing the Catholic Foundation guidelines, eligibility requirements and funding priorities, you may submit a brief online Letter of Intent (LOI) through the link on our website: <https://catholicfoundationmichigan.org/apply-for-a-grant>. Once reviewed, you will be contacted by our staff and may be invited to submit an application for funding. You are welcome to call us to discuss your idea and to ask questions about the grant process. If you do not have web access or need assistance with the process, **our staff is here to help** and can be reached by calling 248.204.0332 or emailing [Info@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org](mailto:Info@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org).

- **Stage One: Letter of Intent**
  - Letter of Intent (LOI) will be accepted online by the Catholic Foundation on or before 11:59 pm, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Once you have completed the online LOI process, you can expect to hear from us within 14 days. Please understand that while all LOIs will be read, all may not generate an invitation to apply for funding. The Foundation receives many compelling requests each year and regrettably, we are not able to fund each one.
- **Stage Two: Application**
  - Once your Letter of Intent has been reviewed, you may be invited to submit a grant application online, due July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please know that our staff is here to assist you with the application process, however, all funding decisions are made by the Catholic Foundation Board of Directors at their fall quarterly meeting.

## 2019 Granting Opportunities

The Catholic Foundation of Michigan is pleased to announce our granting opportunities for 2019. Please review the requirements and priorities outlined and consider how your project or program aligns with the Foundation's grant making goals. Complete details can be found on the Catholic Foundation's [website](#).

### Catholic Foundation Impact Grants:

Through the generosity of our faithful community, Impact Grants address needs within the Foundation's three focus areas. Grants will be between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

- **Empowering Social Outreach** – Supports programs that respond to vital social services needs such as food, shelter, medicine for the sick, hope for those in despair and vulnerable within our community.
- **Building Vibrant Parish Life** – Provides assistance to parishes and programs that create a strong parish environment.
- **Fostering Catholic Education and Formation** – Grants to faith formation for people of every age. We encourage all stages of educational and spiritual development to enhance vibrant discipleship.

#### Priority will be given to Impact grant requests that:

- Build on the organization's assets and attributes through best practices and innovation
- Foster collaboration and with multiple external partners and/or ministries
- Expand services and outreach while building vibrant communities in line with Catholic values
- Improve, measure and demonstrate results
- Ensure sustainability when funding ends

### Church in the City Grants:

Through the generosity of the Archdiocese of Detroit, these grants are awarded to Catholic parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations that propagate the Catholic faith in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park. Grants will be between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

#### Priority will be given to Church in the City grant requests that:

- Foster innovative evangelization programs & projects in line with [Unleash the Gospel](#).
- Boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus & lead souls to a personal encounter with him.

### St. Oscar Romero Grant for Hispanic and Latino Ministries:

Thanks to the generosity of the Holy Trinity Parish, Port Huron, this grant seeks to invest in creative programs that help address the critical issues that are preventing many members of the Latino community from reaching their full potential. A \$1,000 grant will be awarded to an organization in the Northeast Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

#### Priority will be given to:

- Applicants who can clearly demonstrate that their work will directly benefit a majority Latino population and employ culturally competent best practices
- Organizations that are Latino led and embody a mission focused on helping the Latino community
- Catholic organizations

Please contact us if you have questions or wish to discuss your idea.

Learn more about the Catholic Foundation of Michigan by viewing our website at [www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org](http://www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org).