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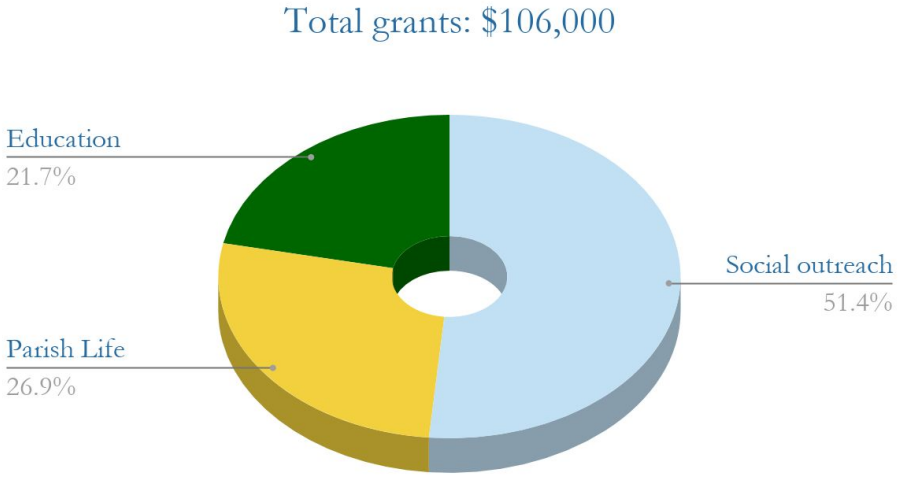
2019 Grant Distribution

Annually the Catholic Foundation offers a competitive granting process to distribute a percentage of returns from our field of interest funds. Individuals or families, named or otherwise, can support these funds to benefit their communities today and for future generations.

In 2019, the second year for distributions, we awarded $106,000 in grants to southeastern Michigan parishes, schools and community nonprofit organizations. Thirty five grants were offered to 32 organizations in amounts up to $5,000.



2019 Grant Recipient Lourdes Senior Community is using their grant award to fund a program which seeks to teach respect and dignity of seniors as high school students engage with our residents living with memory loss. Lourdes Senior Community has cared for seniors for over 70 years and is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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Empowering Social Outreach

Our Gospel call is to respond to vital social services needs such as food, shelter, medicine for the sick, hope for those in despair and vulnerable within our community.

51% of total grants awarded

18 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Alternatives for Girls	Maternal Infant Health Project	To promote maternal and newborn health, and prepare pregnant and new mothers to be capable parents.	$3,000
Catholic Community Response Team	Woman's Housing Assistance Program	To support their ministry to keep people in their homes, providing basic needs and stability, as well as justice through advocacy.	$2,500
Christ the King Service Corps*	Joyful Missionary Disciples	To offset the cost of supplying low-cost, full-time, highly-skilled Christ-inspired volunteers to nonprofits that engage in social outreach.	$5,000
Corpus Christi Parish*	Project Neighborhood Rebirth	To bring hope and the strong witness of a Catholic faith community and to 2300 households of seniors and working poor in Northwest Detroit.	$5,000
Crossroads of Michigan	Basic Need Assistance	To support assisting families with basic necessities such as car seats, diapers, formula and parenting skills.	$1,000
Dames & Knights of the Order of Malta Dental & Medical Clinic	Smiles 2019	To support the Malta Dental Clinic's ministry which is part of the mandates of the Order of Malta to care for the sick and poor and defend the Catholic Faith.	$3,000
Deo Gratias Ministries Detroit	Deo Gratias Café	Start-up funding to establish a cafe and garden in the parish center at St. Jude in Detroit. To purchase small appliances for the cafe and tools for the garden.	$2,000

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Felician Children's Center	Emergency Childcare Program	To support families and children living in poverty and navigating the foster care system.	$2,500
International Samaritan	Service Immersion Scholarship Program	To provide service immersion scholarships to metro-Detroit, low-income, Catholic school students who will serve members of the garbage dump communities where we work.	$2,500
Livingston County Cahtolic Charities	Christmas Blessing Project	To help provide programs and services with a focus on the poor.	$1,000
Lourdes Senior Community	Seniors and High School Students Project	To teach respect and dignity of seniors as high school students engage with our residents living with memory loss.	$2,500
Pope Francis Center*	Nutrition Program	As the numbers of those we feed increases, the project brings new volunteers and visitors to the church and provides exposure for the parish.	$5,000
Siena Literacy Center*	SLC Technical Upgrade	Upgrading SLC's PCs is essential to support effective, efficient continuation of SLC's program. ESL learners especially make use of these resources.	$3,000
St. Clare of Montefalco	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	To support the NHN program which unleashes the Gospel and fortifies the mission-centered focus of our parish.	$3,000
St. Francis Church	Reunion of Families	To continue the continuation of this project in the Hispanic community.	$2,000
St. Louis Center	Wheelchair Accessible Van	Residents will enjoy better quality of life at community events and safe, comfortable transportation.	$2,500
St. Peter Claver Catholic Church*	Trinity Vicariate Planning Process	To enable interdependent partnership and leadership for mission, allowing a group of small urban parishes to function efficiently with limited resources,	$5,000
The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy	Kitchen and Outreach Ministry	To expand our ministry to provide food for the growing number of disadvantaged in our local community.	$4,000

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Building Vibrant Parish Life

Our parish is where we encounter Christ, in the sacraments and as the people in our faith community. It's where we worship, learn, and serve. It's our home and it is our privilege to create a strong parish environment.

27% of total grants awarded

10 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Catholic Youth Organization*	YEP!	To support this program which cultivates Catholic character and the call to missionary conversion.	$2,500
Catholic Youth Organization*	CCIM	To support this program which cultivates Catholic character and trains coaches to develop the whole athlete: physical, mental, social, spiritual; and to make sports safer, more fun, and more faith-filled.	$2,500
Our Lady of the Rosary*	Communications Director	To connect their parish to those they want to serve, so that they will no longer be a valuable but unused resource.	$5,000
St. Augustine/St. Monica*	Neighborhood Evangelization Project	To equip their evangelizers by inviting parishioners to take part in the process, preparing for further mission and growing in their faith and commitment.	$5,000
St. Augustine/St. Monica*	Celebrating the Feast Days of St. Augustine and St. Monica	To strengthen and grow the parish family through a three-day celebration that allows for person-to-person engagement and provides a welcoming place to gather and rejoice in our Lord.	$2,500
St. Francis - St. Maximilian+	Evangelization Program	To support evangelization for Spanish-speaking populations of Macomb County.	$1,000

St. Gabriel*	Los Violines de San Gabriel	To provide violin lessons to children playing donated instruments, preparing children to play in the community, for the homebound and at the liturgy. Lessons are taught by a professional mariachi musician.	$2,500
St. Mary - Wayne	Technical Upgrade of Audio Visual Resources	To upgrade their audio visual equipment allowing them to offer more programs for youth and family.	$1,000
St. Moses the Black*	Office Administration	To fund a position for office support, which St. Moses doesn't have because of the clustered relationship with the Cathedral.	$2,500
St. Peter and Paul Jesuit*	Freedom Fest Encounter	This event will give seekers an opportunity to find us and encounter Christ in a welcoming setting.	$4,000

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+ Denotes a St. Oscar Romero Grant for Hispanic ministries

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Fostering Catholic Education and Formation

Catholic education encompasses all types of faith formation for people of every age. We encourage all stages of educational and spiritual development to enhance vibrant discipleship.

22% of total grants awarded

7 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit*	Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit	To support operating expenses, to continue forming the young church of Detroit through experiences in sacred music and Catholic liturgy.	$5,000
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament*	Alpha/RCIA and Resource Kiosk	To give everyone the chance to begin or renew a relationship with Jesus through the entry points of food, community and simple, profound instruction in the Faith. And to provide good Catholic resources.	$4,000
Gesu Catholic Church*	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Development	To develop and grow Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Detroit by making our catechist formation courses more financially stable and affordable.	$5,000
La Casa Guadalupana*	Evangelization Retreat Scholarships and Summer Program	To fund program of tutoring in reading and math, and enrichment classes to discover the fun of learning together with resources from DIA and other participants.	$2,500
Loyola High School*	Solanus Casey Center Enrichment Trips	To strengthen their existing campus ministry programs by providing additional enrichment field trips.	$3,000
Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order Retreat Center	Tap Into Life	To expand the evangelization from the Solanus Center in Detroit and lay a foundation for young adult formation to be established throughout the diocese at the Capuchin Retreat Center.	$1,000
St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church*	Establishing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	To establish this innovative, attractive religious education program; half our parishioners are young adults, many with families.	$2,500

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