



2021 Grant Guidelines

We appreciate your time and interest in learning about the Catholic Foundation of Michigan. As your Catholic community foundation, 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 review the guidelines and eligibility requirements below and submit an online **Letter of Intent (LOI)**.

Funding Eligibility

Before submitting an online LOI, please review the following requirements:

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

We will not likely consider funding the following:

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

Process Overview



How to Apply

After reviewing the Catholic Foundation guidelines, eligibility requirements and funding priorities, you will create an account on our online Grant System. You will find the link on our website <https://catholicfoundationmichigan.org/grants/apply>. Our website will provide additional information as well as the link to the online grant system. There you will create an account if one has not already established. You are invited to complete the LOI. Once reviewed, you will be contacted by our staff and notified of your eligibility. This process is also available in Spanish. You are invited 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 meg@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org.

- **Stage One: Letter of Intent (LOI) – Eligibility Application**

- LOI will be accepted online by the Catholic Foundation of Michigan on or before **May 25, 2021**. Once you have completed the online LOI process, you can expect to hear a decision within 30 days. Please understand that while all LOIs will be read, all may not generate an invitation to apply for funding. The Catholic Foundation of Michigan receives many compelling requests each year and regrettably, we are not able to fund each one.

- **Stage Two: Grant Application**

- Once your LOI has been reviewed, you may be invited to submit a grant application online, due **July 31, 2021**. Please know that our staff is here to assist you with the application process, however, all funding decisions are made by the Catholic Foundation of Michigan Board of Directors at their fall quarterly meeting.

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The Catholic Foundation of Michigan is pleased to announce our granting opportunities for 2021. Please review the requirements and priorities outlined and consider how your project or program aligns with the Catholic Foundation of Michigan's grant making goals. Complete details can be found on the Catholic Foundation of Michigan's [website](#).

Catholic Foundation Impact Grants:

Through the generosity of our faithful community, Impact Grants address needs within the Catholic Foundation of Michigan's three focus areas.

- **Empowering Social Outreach – \$1,000.00 - \$5,000.00** - 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 – up to \$1,000.00** - Provides assistance to parishes and programs that create a strong parish environment.
- **Fostering Catholic Education and Formation – up to \$1,000.00** - 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 distinctive attributes through best practices and innovation
- Foster collaboration and coordination of multiple partners 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 made in increments \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00.

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

- Foster innovative evangelization programs and projects in line with the 2017 pastoral letter [Unleash the Gospel](#)
- Actively support groundbreaking faith formation and education
- Infuse creativity into support for evangelization into the urban Catholic Life
- Boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus and lead souls to a personal encounter with Him

Spirit of Innovation Grants:

Through "Spirit-led grants, Catholic parishes, schools, and organizations in the **Archdiocese of Detroit** will be able to develop, launch and grow new initiatives, ministries and approaches that share the good news with all, forming joyful missionary disciples. This Grant available will be \$7,500.00. The grants will:

- Activate future initiatives to serve beyond the work of individual parishes
- Inspire disciples to dream and innovate
- Attract national ministries and organizations
- Support innovative and outward focused missionary work in the Archdiocese of Detroit
- Respond to future inspirations of the Holy Spirit

Priority will be given to Spirit of Innovation grant requests that:

- Articulate the spirit of the Guideposts outlined in the pastoral letter, [Unleash the Gospel](#)
- Embrace cooperation between multiple partners
- Promote youth, young adult, or those marginalized populations in our community

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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 \$1,000.00 grant will be awarded to an organization in the **Northeast Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit**.

Priority will be given to St. Oscar Romero grant requests that:

- 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

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us if you have questions or wish to discuss your idea. Our staff can be reached **by calling 248.204.0332 or emailing meg@CatholicFoundationMichigan.org**. You can learn more about the Catholic Foundation of Michigan by viewing our website at www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org.