



God's Work – Our Challenge

Endowment for the Poor Grant Guidelines

Purpose: This grant is to provide funding for projects related to apostolic works for the poor with special emphasis on minority ministries, especially African Americans and Hispanics. Priority will be given to those projects requesting seed money.

Grant Award Limit: Maximum award amount is \$10,000

Qualifying Applicants: Any Catholic organization, or organization with Catholics serving on the Board of Directors or actively involved in the organization, with a 501(c)(3) certificate that serves the poor within the Diocese of Raleigh.

Review process: Grants are reviewed by a Diocese Grant Committee. Applications remain anonymous during the review process to ensure that reviews remain unbiased. The review process can take up to six weeks and all applicants will be made aware wither they have been awarded or not through email.

Qualifying Activities:

- Development of programs supporting the poor
- Development of programs advocating for the poor
- Direct incremental disbursement to assist the poor and individuals in need

Examples of Previous Awards:

- School books and lunches for children relocated due to natural disasters
- Funding for a retreat program assisting families with tools for successful re-entry into family life after being deployed
- Lodging for many families who were experiencing distress or in crisis
- Funding to establish a collaborative effort between different religious organizations which provide food for the poor
- Seed funding for a program which enriches the social and spiritual life of adults with physical disabilities

Activities not supported:

- Tuition assistance
- Construction costs
- Building repairs and maintenance
- Office Equipment
- Construction projects
- Reimbursements
- Travel and lodging expenses for program employees
- Employee salaries

How to apply: Applications can be submitted through the online form linked [Here](#). Applications will open April 1st, 2026 and close on September 1, 2026. *Please note that paper applications sent to the Diocese of Raleigh will no longer be accepted.*

Grantee Report Requirement: If awarded the God's Work – Our Challenge Grant, awardees are required to complete a Grantee Report. This report should not only provide information and receipts from the project but speak to the impact that the project has made within the Church. **Failure to complete the Grantee Report will result in the disqualification of future Grants.** A link to the online Grantee Report can be found [Here](#).

Please note that this is the only way to submit this requirement.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Director of Development, Donna Ashcraft- grants@ooddor.org

