



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia awards competitive grants through the Catholic Community Grants and Parish Enrichment Grants programs. As a Catholic foundation, the priorities that guide the grant decisions focus on areas of importance to our Catholic teachings and faith.



1. **Catholic Social Teaching and Works of Mercy:** Applications in this grant priority would include one of the areas noted in [Catholic Social Teaching](#) and Works of Mercy.

[Catholic Social Teaching](#) includes 1) Life and Dignity of the Human Person, 2) Call to Family, Community, and Participation, 3) Rights and Responsibilities, 4) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, 5) The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, 6) Solidarity, Care for God's Creation.

Works of Mercy include the [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) and the [Spiritual Works of Mercy](#).

Corporal Works of Mercy include 1) Feed the Hungry, 2) Give Drink to the Thirsty, 3) Shelter the Homeless, 4) Visit the Sick, 5) Visit the Prisoners, 6) Bury the Dead, and 7) Give Alms to the Poor. Spiritual Works of Mercy include 1) Counseling the Doubtful, 2) Instructing the Ignorant, 3) Admonishing the Sinner, 4) Comforting the Sorrowful, 5) Forgiving Injuries, and 6) Praying for the Living and the Dead.

2. **Growing Our Catholic Faith:** Applications in this grant priority area include parish religious education and ministry programs, evangelization, the four areas of the [Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan](#) (Knowing our Faith, Living our Faith, Sharing our Faith, and Evolution of Our Parishes), Catholic historic preservation, and campus ministries.

3. **Catholic School Education**—Applications in this grant priority area must be for Catholic schools located in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The online application will be available at www.cfnga.org/grants. Register in the grants portal and log in to complete an online application including which priority area(s) under which your grant falls.

Upload the following:

- A cover letter signed by the executive director, pastor, or principal
- A copy of your organization's 501(c)(3) letter from the Internal Revenue Service. Catholic entities may include their page listing in the Official Catholic Directory/The Kenedy Directory.
- Project/program budget
- Total organization budget
- Board of Directors, trustees, or related council
- Most recent audited financial statements (unless an entity of the Archdiocese of Atlanta)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS – GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- Complete a grant agreement and a follow-up grant report.
 - Spring grants must submit reports online by February 15th of the following year.
 - Fall grants must submit reports online by July 30th of the following year.
- If you have not submitted the grant reports for any previous Catholic Foundation grants, you will be ineligible for a Catholic Community Grant.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Non-Catholic organizations offering much-needed services or programs not conflicting with Catholic teaching are welcome to apply. (Click here for more information on Catholic teaching.)
- The Foundation will consider applications for capital needs (excluding parish capital campaigns), operations, and programs.
- Grant awards are restricted to organizations located in the geographic area of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.
- Because we have small grants programs covering a wide geographic area, an organization should not consider the Catholic Foundation to be a regular, ongoing supporter of operations.

GRANT CYCLES:

For Catholic Schools:

- Effective 2021, the Spring grant cycle will accept applications from Catholic Schools only.

For Parishes:

- Effective 2021, there will only be one grant cycle per year for Catholic Community Grants in the fall.
- Parish Enrichment Grant applications will still be accepted during the spring and fall cycles.
- The Spring Grant 2021 cycle will accept applications from Catholic Schools only.

For Nonprofits:

- Effective 2021, there will now only be one grant cycle per year for Catholic Community Grants in the fall.
- The Spring Grant 2021 cycle will accept applications from Catholic Schools only.

NEXT STEPS:

- The Grants Committee of the Board of Directors reviews the requests and makes recommendations to the Board for final approvals. Grant award information will be communicated following the May and November Board of Directors meetings.

For further questions or more information, email grants@cfnga.org or call the Catholic Foundation at 404.497.9440.

OUR MISSION

The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia helps Catholics make a lasting difference in the community. We attract, professionally manage, and invest gifts to support the current and long-term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities, and other ministries.