



# 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.

## Guiding Factors

### 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 (Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy).



Catholic Social Teaching includes:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
- Solidarity, Care for God's Creation

Corporal Works of Mercy include:

- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Prisoners
- Feed the Hungry
- Bury the Dead
- Give Alms to the Poor

Spiritual Works of Mercy include:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Counseling the Doubtful
- Instructing the Ignorant
- Admonishing the Sinner
- Comforting the Sorrowful
- Forgiving Injuries
- Praying for the Living & 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 [cfnga.org/grants](http://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

- There will be one grant cycle per year for Catholic Community Grants in the **spring**.

### For Parishes

- *Parish Enrichment Grant* applications will be accepted during **spring and fall** cycles.
- There will be one grant cycle per year for Catholic Community Grants in the **fall**.

### For Nonprofits

- There will be one grant cycle per year for Catholic Community Grants in the **fall**.

## 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](mailto:grants@cfnga.org) or call Sharon Adams at 404.497.9440.

***Ensuring that the Catholic community and its ministries have the financial resources to serve and make a difference in the lives of current and future generation.***

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