



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 Catholic faith and teachings.

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:

- Counseling the Doubtful
- Instructing the Ignorant
- Admonishing the Sinner
- Bearing Wrongs Patiently
- 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; local and greater Church priorities; 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. Register in the grants portal and log in to complete an online application including which priority area(s) under which your grant falls. **New requirements as of fall 2024 have a blue background.**

All Organization Requirements

- Grant request cannot exceed \$15,000
- Organizations must be established for 3 years or more
- Organizations who have previously received grants from CFNGA must have submitted *all* past grant reports
- Upload the following:
 - A cover letter signed by the executive director, pastor, or principal
 - Project/program budget
 - Total organization budget
 - List of members of the Board of Directors, trustees, or related council
 - Most recent audited financial statements (unless an entity of the Archdiocese of Atlanta)

Additional Non-Catholic Organization Requirements

- Non-Catholic organizations offering much-needed services or programs not conflicting with Catholic teaching are welcome to apply. (See 'Guiding Factors' above or [click here](#) for more information)
- Organizations who have received 2 consecutive grants within 2 years must wait one grant cycle before applying again
- As part of the application, organizations must upload a completed Letter of Support form from an active, practicing Catholic who is:
 - a board member or
 - a staff member or
 - a volunteer or
 - a client or
 - a donor
 - If there are no Catholic board members, staff members, volunteers, clients, or donors, then organizations must upload a Letter of Support form completed by an active, practicing parishioner at a local Catholic church.

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

- 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 69 counties 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

The **spring grant cycle occurs during February**. The **fall grant cycle occurs during August**. Please check cfnga.org/grants for the upcoming dates.

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 (spring cycle) and November (fall cycle) Board of Directors meetings.

For further questions or more information, email 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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