

Catholic Relief Services

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Re: 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Grants Request for Proposals

Dear Friends,

This letter is to announce that the diocesan office of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is now accepting proposals for local 2018 CRS Rice Bowl Grants. The application process is now open through **Monday, September 17th, 2018.**

The CRS Rice Bowl grant program is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Oakland and administered by the diocesan CRS Rice Bowl Committee. CRS is the official international disaster relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Funds for the grants come from the Lenten Rice Bowl program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving which is conducted in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the diocese each year. Seventy-five percent of the money raised by this program is used by CRS for humanitarian projects in developing countries, and twenty-five percent is kept locally, part of which is distributed within the diocese in the form of grants for hunger and poverty abatement programs. (For more information about CRS and CRS Rice Bowl, please go to www.crsricebowl.org.)

Grants will be given to parishes, organizations and projects within the Diocese of Oakland (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) that are working to alleviate hunger and food insecurity, and/or are addressing the root causes of hunger. Grant recipients can be food pantries and soup kitchens, for example, and/or groups that do economic development or anti-hunger organizing and advocacy.

Non-Catholic as well as Catholic churches and organizations are eligible to apply. Our allocations committee will be considering proposals for up to \$1,000. Please see the attached application guidelines for more information about the application process.

If you know of any agency/organization or parish program that might be interested in applying for a Rice Bowl grant, the application form and guidelines are available to download from the local Catholic Relief Services webpage on the Catholic Charities of the East Bay's website at www.cceb.org/crseb/. There is a fillable PDF version of the application available online. The application packet can also be obtained by contacting me via e-mail at mmckimmey@cceb.org or by telephone at (510) 768-3176. Organizations may receive an application as an e-mail attachment or by U.S. Mail.

I will be available to meet with your agency/organization or parish staff or leaders regarding the grant application and process.

Decisions on the 2018 Rice Bowl Grant applications will be made by the end of October and communications of the awards' determinations will be sent out to the applicants soon afterwards.

Sincerely,

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