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Request for Proposals

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Catholic Campaign for Human Development 2008 Local Grant Guidelines

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the United States Catholic Bishop's education/action program to combat poverty in the U.S. CCHD funds raised locally are disbursed in two ways: seventy-five percent is sent to the national office to be distributed to organizations that address conditions of poverty in critical areas such as community development, housing, economic justice, health care, education and legal aid. The remaining twenty-five percent is distributed locally. The Diocese of Oakland CCHD Local Committee makes the final decision on qualifications and funding for local grants each year.

To Receive Local CCHD Funds, organizations must show that they enable groups of low-income people to influence the decisions that affect their lives. Specifically, organizations must show how the affected population participates in the decision making process of the organization, through the board, the staff or the activist base. CCHD funds are given to support programs that empower people in or near poverty to change the conditions that affect their lives.

CCHD Funds May Not Be Used For a direct service (soup kitchen, homeless shelter, etc.) to people in poverty unless the service is shown to be an integral part of the group's empowerment organizing strategy. CCHD also cannot make grants to individuals, for capital expenditures or improvements, for existing staff not involved in new activities, or for activities contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Groups do not, however, need to be Catholic to apply.

Other CCHD Criteria for local grants are that

- A) The organization generates cooperation between diverse groups,
- B) The organization's work benefits a relatively large number of people,
- C) The organization has a budget.
- D) The project must benefit a poverty group. At least fifty percent (50%) of those benefiting from the project must be from the low-income community.
- E) Members of the poverty group must have the dominant voice in the project. At least 50% of those who plan, implement and make policy (e.g. the Board of Directors or the Project Board) should be persons who are involuntarily poor (Clergy, VISTA volunteers, students, etc. are considered by CCHD to be voluntarily poor.) For projects that do not presently meet this criterion, applicant must document the following in the proposal narrative:
 - a) Why members of the poverty group do not have the dominant role in planning, implementing and policy making at the time of application.
 - b) How members of the poverty group were involved in determining their need for the project,

c) What time schedule is planned for the poverty group to assume leadership and control of this project?

CCHD Local Grant Guidelines Favor Two Types of Applicants.

The first is the applicant who aspires to receive national funding but needs further organizational development. The local grant request can ask for funding to build capacity, such as:

- ** Leadership development
- ** Technical assistance to pay for consultants on organizational development
- ** Fundraising training for staff and leaders to increase and enhance a diversity of income
- ** Increasing civic participation
- ** Other areas important to developing organizational strength and self-sufficiency

The second type is community or parish-based efforts that address poverty by an empowerment model of organizing. In this model, low-income people have a significant share of the decision making of the group.

All programs must be based in Alameda or Contra Costa County and must be a non-profit organization or under the fiscal sponsorship of a non-profit organization. Organizations that have been approved for funding from National CCHD or other local CCHD funds in the present funding cycle are not eligible to apply for a local CCHD grant at this time.

Grants are made in the range of \$2,000-\$5,000. Larger grants are occasionally made in special circumstances.

For a grant application packet please contact Maurine Behrend by email at mbehrend@cceb.org or call (510) 768-3164. Application forms are also available on the website of Catholic Charities of the East Bay (www.cceb.org/public_policy.php#subhead).

HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOP

For those of you who are new to CCHD, we will conduct a workshop detailing CCHD criteria, who should and who should not apply, and the application process. If you are not sure whether your proposed project fits the CCHD criteria or not, you should plan to attend this workshop on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. to be held at Catholic Charities, 433 Jefferson St. Oakland CA. 94607

For information and RSVP to our workshop, please call Maurine Behrend at (510) 768-3164.