

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL & NORTHERN MISSOURI

## CHARITY AND MERCY GRANTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

“Our parishes will be centers of charity and mercy” – Bishop Shawn McKnight

“We are Better Together” – Bishop Shawn McKnight

Charity and Mercy Grants are one means of carrying forth Bishop McKnight’s vision that the parishes of the Diocese of Jefferson City serve as centers of charity and mercy for their local communities. By incorporating the outreach and fundraising capabilities of Catholic Charities (the social outreach arm of the Diocese) with the ability of local parish groups to provide targeted community services to local residents, we truly become “Better Together”.

Charity and Mercy Grants are intended fill the void between two other important grant programs: very large or long-term programs for major projects; and emergency assistance such as disaster relief. Charity and Mercy Grants are for projects involving between \$1,000 and \$5,000 where the needs are important but not immediate. Examples might include equipment or minor remodeling; or perhaps help to get “over the hump” on a larger project. Here is some important information to keep in mind when considering whether to apply:

- Applications for Charity and Mercy Grants will be accepted only from parishes and affiliated groups and organizations (i.e. parish social concerns groups, St. Vincent de Paul Societies, etc.) that are located in and provide direct services to the needy within the Diocese of Jefferson City.
- Applications should generally seek funding of not less than \$1,000.00 and not more than \$5,000.00. Grants awarded may be less than the amounts requested.
- Limited amounts of funds are budgeted for Charity and Mercy Grants. Unfortunately, it is likely that not all requests can be funded.
- Applications should generally seek funding for one-time expenses as opposed to reoccurring expenses or budget challenges.
- Due to the review and approval timetable, Charity and Mercy Grants are typically not appropriate for emergency funding needs; or when a response is required within sixty days or less.
- Funding is generally not available for the following:
  - Projects that request funding for staff positions.
  - Projects that support partisan political activity.
  - Projects that focus primarily on education.
  - Projects that focus on national or international poverty and hunger.
  - Projects that provide indirect services.
  - Debts already incurred.
- The current application cycle is March 1 to April 30, 2019. Applications are not carried forward for consideration in future funding cycles and should be resubmitted.

APPLICATION  
CATHOLIC CHARTITIES OF CENTRAL & NORTHERN MISSOURI  
Charity and Mercy Grant

**I. PROJECT TITLE and APPLICANT AGENCY**

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the name or title that will identify the organization and/or project for which assistance is requested. It is helpful to include the region, county, or community in which the project/organization will function.*

**Applicant Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the name and address of the group or organization requesting assistance as well as the key contact person and identify their position with the organization. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and any other primary contact persons must be included. Include all information necessary to make direct contact with the organization.*

**Status:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Indicate if your organization or project is a non-profit or tax-exempt corporation. If so, is it a 501(c)(3) or a 501(c)(4); or has a 501(c) status been applied for but not obtained?). If a fiscal agent or accountant is being used, please identify such persons*

**II. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED and JUSTIFICATION OF NEED**

***On typewritten pages attached to this Application, please provide the following:***

- A. A statement of the total amount and kind of assistance requested and the nature of the activities the aid will support. Describe the situation the project/work will address. Details should include when funding is needed and for how long a period the funds will support or supplement the project. Describe how this project/work will address poverty and provide direct service to the needy. Give locations or sites of service.
- B. A description of how the organization is structured. If the organization has a board of directors or advisory board, list the members and provide their positions in the community. State the numbers of paid personnel and volunteers. How long has the organization been in existence? Provide a summary of its mission, purpose and accomplishments.
- C. A budget reflecting uses for the requested funds.

**III. CERTIFICATION**

**The undersigned holds the position or office noted below in the agency or facility applying for a Charity and Mercy Grant from Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri. I certify that: (a) the information in this Application is true and accurate; (b) no work of the agency or facility is in conflict with Catholic teaching; and (c) the agency or facility has the capacity to perform as indicated in this Application.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send the completed Application and exhibits to:  
Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri, Inc.  
Charity and Mercy Grant  
P.O. Box 104626  
Jefferson City, MO 65110**

**Applications can also be scanned and sent via PDF to:  
[info@cccnmo.org](mailto:info@cccnmo.org)  
Subject: Charity and Mercy Grant**