

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOCAL  
CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES**

To be eligible for local Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds, a project must satisfy all the following criteria and guidelines simultaneously. However, due to limited financial resources, CCHD is not able to fund all applicants that generally meet the **CCHD Criteria and Guidelines**.

**A. CRITERIA**

1. 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.
2. 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) of a project should be persons who are involuntarily poor. (Clergy, VISTA volunteers, students, etc. are considered by CCHD to be voluntarily poor). For projects which do not presently meet this criterion, applicants must document the following in the proposal narrative. Failure to do so will negatively affect the evaluation of the proposal.
  - 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.
3. Funding will not be considered for projects which can be funded by monies available from the private or public sector unless applicants document that they are unable to obtain funds from these sources. However, proposals which call for “seed money” or “matching money” will be considered. In requesting “seed money” or “matching money” from CCHD, applicants should present positive documentation that other public and/or private sources will commit their funds to this project.
4. No CCHD funds will be granted to organizations that would utilize CCHD money to fund other organizations.
5. The project activity for which funding is requested must conform to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church.

**B. GUIDELINES USED BY SELECTION COMMITTEE WHEN CONSIDERING APPLICANTS**

The Committee is looking for:

1. Projects which are innovative and demonstrate a change from traditional approaches to poverty by attacking the basic causes of poverty and by effecting institutional change. CCHD defines institutional change as:
  - a. Modification of existing laws and/or policies.
  - b. Establishment of alternative structures and/or redistribution of decision-making powers.

- c. To a lesser extent: Provision of services, which result in the achievement of (a) and/or (b); or leads the recipient community to focus on (a) and/or (b).
- 2. Projects which directly benefit a relatively large number of people rather than a few individuals.
- 3. Projects which generate cooperation among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.
- 4. Projects which document, that as a result of CCHD funding, there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of becoming self-supporting within the timelines established in the proposal.

C. PROJECTS NOT MEETING CCHD CRITERIA AND/OR GUIDELINES

The following general classifications do not meet CCHD criteria and/or guidelines:

- 1. Direct service projects (e.g., day care center, recreation programs, community centers, scholarships, subsidiaries, counseling programs, referral services, cultural enrichment programs, direct clinical services, emergency shelters and other services, refugee resettlement programs, etc.).
- 2. Projects controlled by government (federal, state, local), educational or ecclesiastical bodies.
- 3. Research projects, surveys, planning and feasibility studies, etc.
- 4. Projects which have been operating for several years on funds from other funding agencies.
- 5. Projects sponsored by organizations that at present receive substantial sums from other funding agencies, unless the applicant documents that this project cannot be funded by these agencies.

D. 2006 POVERTY GUIDELINES:

<u>100% of Poverty Line</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>
Household of 1	\$ 9,800
2	13,200
3	16,600
4	20,000
5	23,400
6	26,800
7	30,200
8	33,600

For more than 8 persons, add \$3,400 for each additional family member.

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**PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY!**