

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SEEKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The local Campaign for Human Development Committee for the Archdiocese of Portland is seeking proposals from interested organizations for local CHD grants for the 1989-90 funding cycle. Applications are due by August 15, and granting decisions will be made by September 15.

The campaign for Human Development (CHD) is an action/education program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops that supports self-help among poor and low-income people, and promotes a spirit of solidarity between poor and non-poor.

CHD supports a variety of projects that address conditions of poverty in critical areas such as social and economic development, housing, health care, legal aid, education, and communication.

To receive CHD funds, projects must show that they enable organized groups of poor and low-income people to influence decisions that affect their lives. Low income people must occupy at least half of the seats on the project's policy making program implementation board of directors. In addition, the projects must also:

--generate cooperation among and

within diverse groups of people;
--directly benefit a relatively large number of people;
--have a detailed self-sufficiency plan; and
--directly aim at changing institutions--public policy, social attitudes, economic structures--that perpetuate poverty.

APPLICATION FOR LOCAL CHD FUNDING CRITERIA

1. The proposal must conform to the criteria of the National CHD.
2. Priority consideration will be given to emerging projects or organizations (during the first three years).
3. Amount of grant:
 - A. Each proposal shall include both an organization and (if applicable) a project budget.
 - B. Generally, no grant shall amount to more than a third of the entire organizational budget but may fund a specific project at the entire amount. The total amount shall not exceed \$5,000. Usually only grants in excess of \$500 shall be considered.
4. Funded groups will be encouraged to work with the Diocesan Director to inform people in parishes about the project, and where appropriate to involve them in the work.
5. Normally national and local funding will not coincide in the same year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application deadline is August 15.
2. Granting decisions will be made by September 15.

3. Up to 80% of the funds available will be allocated as grants on September 15. The remaining 20% of the funds will constitute a discretionary fund to be used throughout the year.
4. Groups may be requested to appear before all or part of the committee. (As an alternative, committee members might make site visits).
5. Applicants must use the form provided by the local CHD office.

Criteria and Guidelines

To be eligible for CHD funds, a project must satisfy all of the following criteria and guidelines simultaneously. However, due to limited financial resources, eligibility does not guarantee funding.

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, etc) of a project, should be persons who are involuntarily poor. (Clergy, VISTA volunteers, students, etc., are considered by CHD 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 CHD, applicants should present positive documentation that other public and/or private sources will commit their funds to this project.

4. No CHD funds will be granted to organizations that would utilize CHD money to fund other organizations.

5. The project activity for which funding is requested must conform to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

B. Guidelines

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. CHD defines institutional change as:

- a. Modification of existing laws and/or policies;
- b. Establishment of alternatives 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.

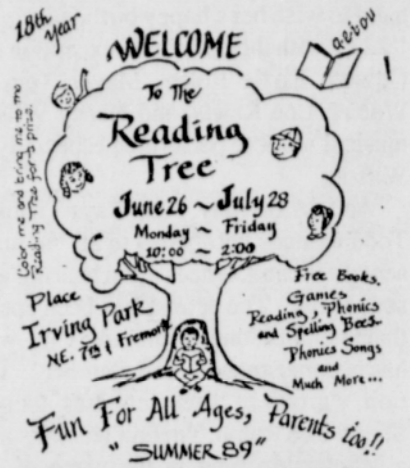
3. Projects which generate cooperation among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

4. Projects which document that as a result of CHD 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 CHD Criteria and/or Guidelines

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

1. Direct service projects (e.g., day-care centers, recreation programs, community centers, scholarships, subsidies, counseling programs, referral services, cultural enrichment programs, direct clinical services, emergency shelters and other services, refugee resettlement programs, etc.).
2. Projects controlled by government.
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 which at present receive substantial sums from other funding agencies, unless the applicant documents that this project cannot be funded by these agencies.
6. Individually owned, for profit businesses.



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