

**CRS Rice Bowl Grant Application
Diocese of Youngstown
Criteria and Guidelines
2020**

Background

CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official overseas international relief and development agency of the United States Bishops. It was created in 1975 with the goal of entering into solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. This Lenten program is conducted in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Youngstown. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised are sent to CRS for international development projects; twenty-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl funds local programs and initiatives that support hunger and poverty programs.

Criteria and Guidelines

1. The project requesting funds must be operated within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Youngstown.
2. Projects must be consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching.
3. Must be a not-for-profit organization.
4. The project requesting funds should make an impact to alleviate poverty and hunger within the Diocese of Youngstown.
5. Grants are made on an annual basis.

Projects NOT Meeting CRS Rice Bowl Diocesan Criteria:

- Projects that request funding for staff positions.
- Projects that support partisan political activity.
- Projects that focus on international poverty and hunger.
- Projects that provide indirect services.
- For profit organizations.
- Organizations controlled by government bodies.
- Debts already incurred by applicants.
- Organizations that would use CRS Rice Bowl funds to direct them to another organization.

For questions about the application or grant process, please contact the Office for Social Concerns at (330)744-8451 or by email at nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

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Please fill out all of the entries below and indicate where not applicable. Incomplete applications will be ineligible for funding

Complete applications (including required attachments) must be submitted by May 31, 2020
Grants will be awarded by July 15, 2020

Please print and complete or type return on-line to nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org

- 1) Organization Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
County _____
Phone _____
Contact Person _____
Title _____
Email address _____
If Applicable: Parish/School Affiliation _____
Pastor/Principal _____
Is the organization tax exempt, nonprofit? Yes _____ No _____
- 2) Does your parish/school participate in CRS Rice Bowl? Yes _____ No _____
- 3) Name of the project to be funded:

- 4) Amount Requested \$ _____
- 5) Has this project previously received CRS Rice Bowl funding? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please list the previous years and amounts

- 6) What is the project primary funding area? _____
- 7) Description of the project (no more than 300 words):

- 8) Parish and community involvement (no more than 300 words): Does the project provide opportunities for service, advocacy, learning, communal prayer/reflection, fellowship, etc. among parishioners and/or community members?
- 9) 2019-2020 Program development goals (no more than 300 words): Outline the goal(s) to be achieved during the grant period. How will these goals expand or improve the project?
- 10) Financial overview of the project (no more than 200 words): What is the total cost of the project and what sources of funding does the project have this year (list sources and amounts if possible)? How would a CRS Rice Bowl grant benefit the project this year?
- 11) Please submit the following attachments with your completed application:
- 501C(3) Determination letter
 - Project Budget
 - List of organization leadership/board members
 - Any other supportive brochures, articles, photos, if applicable

Print Name _____

Title _____

Representative of Project's signature _____ Date _____

Please mail form to:
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