



## Grant Criteria:

Grants will be considered for **FY2025** programs or projects under the supervision of the *Catholic Schools Office* and *Parish Support Team*. Programs and projects must align with the Pastoral Vision of the Archdiocese of Omaha - *One Church: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy*.

## Programs and Projects will be prioritized based on the following:

- It aims to create a culture of encountering Jesus and equipping disciples
- It seeks to create a culture that enables God's mercy to be received and lived
- It fosters a culture of unity

## Grant Application Instructions:

1. One online application will be accepted for review per parish or school or religious education program.
2. Only online forms will be accepted.
3. Do not send additional program/project attachments.
4. Grant awards will not exceed \$2,000.
5. We will prioritize new initiatives. **New in 2025:** entities can receive funding two years in a row on a target initiative and then need to take a two-year break before applying again.

### Applications are **COMPLETE** if they:

- Include a contact person, project/program name and description.
  - We encourage parish within families to work together on similar projects to maximize funding.
- Include itemized cost components.
- Include required signatures of endorsement.
- **Submit by Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

## Types of Project Areas Funded:

- Incentive grants for the establishment of new educational ministries in parishes and schools
- Retreats/workshops for adults
- Retreats/camps for youth
- Retreats for parents with children
- Vacation Bible School / Totus Tuus
- Leadership/Stewardship conferences

### Project examples:

- Staff development, ministry training, youth leadership, OCIA, family faith formation, transportation for students to faith-based activities, speakers.

### Non-Funded Items:

- Salaries, memberships, any tuition assistance or scholarships, textbooks, media resources, construction/remodeling costs, furniture, computers and equipment, chasubles/stoles, party costs/lodging/food, advertising/postage, any type of insurance or security services.

## 2025 Grant Schedule:

**February:** Grant cycle opens!

**April:** Deadline to submit online application – April 30, 2025

**May:** Grant Selection Committee meets to select grant recipients

**June:** Notification of their grant status sent to all applicants

**July:** Grants are awarded on the last business day of July. Funding will be payable to the parish, school or ministry.

**August 2025 – February 2026 : Grant recipients – To maintain eligibility in applying for future grants, please provide program/project update, including at least 2 photos describing how your grant award assisted in advancing the Pastoral Vision in your community. Please ensure a photo release is in place for individuals in photos.**

*\*If your program/project is not complete by February 2026, please be in communication with our office before making a submission during the next CFF grant cycle.*

## Questions? Contact Josh Pfeifer, Development Associate, 402.557.5650 or [jdpfeifer@archomaha.org](mailto:jdpfeifer@archomaha.org)

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