

CRS Rice Bowl Grant Application
Diocese of Youngstown
Criteria and Guidelines
2024

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 (75%) of the funds raised are sent to CRS for international development projects. Locally, twenty-five percent (25%) of CRS Rice Bowl funds are retained to fund local programs and initiatives that address hunger and poverty within the Diocese of Youngstown.

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 immediate 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, such as capital projects or building projects.
- 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.

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