The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the national anti-poverty program of the US Catholic Bishops.

Each year, the national collection for CCHD is used to provide grants to non-profit organizations that work to break the cycle of poverty through community or economic development projects.

The 2022 ASF collection date is November 19-20. Thank you for giving generously!

NMAA is a grassroots organization of acequias, with a strong history of working to change laws and structures to protect traditional water rights in our arid ecosystem. Over the years, they have worked to change the process of how water rights are transferred from agricultural use to commercial or development use. They train acequia members to advocate for their acequia rights, and to be a credible voice in the New Mexico State Legislature. After devastating fires in Northern NM, NMAA is working on GPS mapping for flood mitigation post-fire and on water management for small farmers.

ABQ Interfaith (AI) is a broad based, non-partisan and non-profit organization of 15 member institutions from Bernalillo County. Their member institutions include: unions, churches, faith communities, public/charter schools, & non-profit organizations. AI utilizes community organizing strategies to help member institutions develop leaders with the capacity to build a more just society. They currently focus on: Public Education, Immigrant Justice, Neighborhood Safety & Preservation, & Behavioral Health. This year they will train key leaders to address legislative hearings on an increase from the Land Grant Permanent Fund for Early Education funding, the Opportunity Equity Index, keeping schools protected from cuts due to pandemic’s impact, the Health Security Act, rebuilt mental health infrastructure and emergency aid to those excluded from stimulus monies. They plan to increase their member institutions in S. Valley and Westside.

La Cosecha CSA, is a community cooperative, known as a community supported agriculture (CSA), owned by nine-local small farmers, and located in Albuquerque’s South Valley. Their mission is to provide communities with healthy food access to fresh local produce and nutrition education, while supporting the aggregation of local farmers for a stronger local food production system. Their community development project involves training and mobilizing their CSA members to advocate for policies related to just, equitable, and sustainable healthy food.

Local Grants: 25% of the collection taken in our Archdiocese remains in our Diocese to fund local projects. Local “seed” grants of $1,500-$10,000 are available to eligible groups working with the poor to address long-term solutions. CCHD may also match grants from The Catholic Foundation. Local grants are available year-round.

National Grants: The remaining 75% of the collection is pooled with other Dioceses to fund larger national grants. National grants may award $25,000-$75,000. A “Pre-Application” to determine National grant eligibility is available September 1st until November 1st at www.usccb.org/cchd/grants. In addition, a portion of the national collection supports USCCB poverty awareness education and CCHD national administration.

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