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

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 and economic development projects.

The 2023 ASF collection date is November 18-19. Thank you for giving generously!

ABQ Interfaith (AI) is a broad based, non-partisan and non-profit organization of 22 member institutions from Bernalillo County. Their member institutions include: unions, parishes, 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 leaders to advocate for quality, accessible and affordable mental health care for all New Mexico residents. They also will hold civic academies on the issue of behavioral health to provide safe, non-judgmental spaces for honest conversation around mental health issues.

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 systems for New Mexico.

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.