

**“WHATEVER YOU DID FOR
ONE OF THESE LEAST
BROTHERS OF MINE,
YOU DID FOR ME.
MATTHEW 25:40**



Matthew 25 Endowment for Service to the Poor Grants Program

Description: Church Parishes throughout the Diocese serve the poor, hungry, and disadvantaged through parish-based social service centers and church ministries. From Jeanerette to Mamou, and Crowley to Breaux Bridge, soup kitchens, diners, food pantries, counseling services, and healthcare programs are housed, supplied, and staffed through caring parishioners in our Diocese.

Through the Centennial Campaign, the “**Matthew 25 Endowment for Service to the Poor**” was established as a perpetual source of funding assistance for parish-affiliated social service centers & programs that transform, heal, and nourish bodies and souls, thereby truly loving and serving Jesus Christ in the least among us.

Eligibility: First priority will be given to Catholic parish ministries/programs and Catholic organizations that provide aid to the poor and to those in need of physical and/or, emotional assistance. Second priority will be given to non-affiliated 501(c)3 organizations that serve the poor, provided that a Catholic church parish sponsors their application.

Funding Pool: Annually, the diocese will provide 4% of the available corpus in the Matthew 25 Endowment to be granted out.

Application Available: February 15th

Application Deadline: April 15th

For organizations needing guidance in completing an application, Catholic Charities of Acadiana is available to provide coaching. Please email Sarah Bacquet at sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org or call 337-235-4972, ext. 1222 to schedule an appointment well in advance of the deadline if you want this coaching. Other questions may be directed to mtrahan@diolaf.org or by calling the Office of Stewardship and Development at 337-261-5642.

Completed applications must be received by the deadline in order to be considered for funding. Submit your completed application to Margaret Trahan at mtrahan@diolaf.org . Alternatively you may mail or hand-deliver to 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501 to her attention.

Review Process: Submitted applications will first be screened by Catholic Charities of Acadiana for accuracy of information. A granting committee of volunteers as appointed by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel will provide a final review of applications and determine award amounts.

Award Date: May

Applicants will be notified of final decisions during the month of May.

Amount: Maximum award is \$5,000

Funded Activities:

Food Programs

Emergency Financial Assistance

Counseling

Healthcare

Home Repair

School Uniforms and Supplies

After School or Summer Tutoring Programs

Operational Expenses of Ministry/Program related to above items

Equipment/Supplies for Ministry/Program related to above items

Required Documents:

- Letter of support from pastor of the church parish in which the ministry or organization provides its service
- Ministry or Program Annual Operating Budget
- Most recent list of members of Board of Directors or Church Finance Council or Advisory Committee/Board

Reporting Requirements:

When all funds are used or within one year, whichever comes first, please provide the following information on the form provided:

- Beginning and ending dates during which your grant money was used
- Number of persons helped during that date range
- Units of service provided (i.e. number of food boxes, counseling sessions, uniforms, meals, gift cards, etc.)
- Share one story of someone who was helped; please use initials rather than a name to ensure confidentiality
- Budget information for funded project/program



MATTHEW 25 SERVICE TO THE POOR GRANT APPLICATION

Deadline: Completed application must be received by April 15th

Church Parish:_____

Contact Name:_____

Ministry/Organization Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:_____ **Fax**_____

Email:_____

Total Grant Request: \$

(maximum request is \$5,000)

1. What is the mission or purpose of your ministry or organization?

2. What services to the poor does this ministry or program currently provide? If new, what services are you planning to provide?

3. **What is your current capacity (i.e. number of assisting personnel, area to be served, etc) to provide the services you seek to provide through this grant?**
4. **How will these funds be used (describe in detail)?**
5. **How will you determine who receives services?**
6. **How will your organization work with other service providers or volunteer groups in providing assistance?**

Attach Required Documents: 1) Letter of support from pastor of the church parish in which the ministry or organization provides its service; 2) Ministry or Program Annual Operating Budget; 3) Most recent list of members of Board of Directors or Church Finance Council or Advisory Committee/Board

Signatures:

Executive Director or Pastor

Board or Finance or Advisory Committee Leader

Printed Name/Title

Printed Name/Title

Date

Date

Additional Required Signature for Independent 501(c)3 Organizations Only:

Signature of Pastor of Sponsoring Church Parish

Printed Name

Date