



## RICE BOWL GRANT APPLICATION

### Criteria and Guidelines

**CRS Rice Bowl** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), our international relief agency, and by the Catholic Diocese of Victoria. This Lenten program is conducted in Catholic parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Victoria. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised are used for CRS' international development projects. Twenty-five percent are distributed throughout the counties of the Diocese of Victoria to alleviate hunger and poverty.

1. Most grants will be awarded for efforts addressing hunger and food insecurity.
2. Some of the local Rice Bowl funds will be allotted to projects that respond to the root causes of hunger, i.e., projects dealing with economic development, anti-hunger advocacy and organizing, etc.
3. Grants are made on an annual basis and do not imply subsequent years' funding.
4. Organizations which receive Rice Bowl funds in 2025 will submit a simple written report, by **April 1, 2026** explaining the use of the grant.
5. No proposal for organizations outside of the Diocese of Victoria will be considered.
6. Organizations' activities must be consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching and compliance with 501(c)3 rules regarding partisan political activity.
7. For applications made by a Catholic parish or parish program (i.e., project, organization, etc.), the appropriate parish staff person's signature is required on the application form indicating his/her approval of the grant application.
8. **St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences**: On the application form, please indicate your parish affiliation (if applicable).
9. Grant applications up to \$4,000.00 will be considered.

If you have questions about this grant process, please contact Debbie Vanelli at [dvanelli@hfccvic.org](mailto:dvanelli@hfccvic.org); 361-573-5304 ex 211; 704 Mallette Dr Victoria, Texas 77904