

**Objective 2 Grant Application Coversheet
2026 - 2027 Grant Period**

Total Objective 2 grant funds available this year: \$14,282.71

Only one area of funding is allowed in your grant application. Please identify the area you are applying for, such as: ☐ Youth Faith Formation ☐ Adult Faith Formation

Date Submitted (Deadline is October 31st): _____

Parish/School name: _____

Pastor/President name: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

The following are areas of information needed for the Grant Review Committee to be able to assess your grant application.

BACKGROUND: (Attach a narrative of parish/school demographics. Include # of families, 1st Communions, religious education students, Catholic school students, etc.)

PROPOSED OBJECTIVE AREA OF FUNDING: *** Please note that only one application will be accepted per school system and parish in each objective area. Please prioritize your needs and submit your most critical need.

Total dollar amount requested for this objective: \$_____

Description of your grant request: (Attach a narrative) Please be very specific!
Please see the specific directions that must be followed on the next page.

Other attempts to address this need: (Attach a narrative)

Ramifications of grant not being funded: (Attach a narrative)

Pastor/President Signature: _____

Description of Your Grant Request

Please note: Failure to follow these specific directions will result in your application(s) being disqualified. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to visit with Ron Schatz or Bryan Winterberg at the Bismarck Diocese prior to writing and submitting your grant.

If you are applying in objective #2:

To provide assistance for special needs to our parish religious education programs and specifically to the Religious Education areas in our Catholic schools.

- 2-A.) If you applied for funding in 2025-2026, no repeat funding for the same proposal will be awarded. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- 2-B.) If requesting textbooks, please list the name of the publisher and the title of the textbook. Please remember that only Religious Education textbooks in compliance with the USCCB Conformity Listing will be considered, not math, science or textbooks from other subjects. **Grant funds for textbooks purchased for the 2026-2027 or 2027-2028 school year may be applied for.** Please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/CurrentConformityList.pdf> to ensure your material is on their approved list.
- 2-C.) Supplemental materials may be included, i.e. Theology of the Body, Teen Timeline, etc. These materials may only be supplemental. You must indicate what series of textbooks you are using as your main source of education.
- 2-D.) If requesting textbooks, **please indicate if they are re-usable** and if any parish registration fees charged is applied to cover the cost of the books. **Sorry, items that are not re-usable will not be considered or funded.**
- 2-E.) If requesting on-line teaching resources or license fees, **please indicate if they are re-usable or if they will be shared with others.** **Sorry, items that are not re-usable will not be considered or funded.**
- 2-F.) **Beginning in 2026-2027**, if requesting DVDs, please know that most DVDs can be found on free online streaming options. If you cannot find the DVDs online, please contact Diane Huck, Director of Catechesis and Youth at dhuck@bismarckdiocese.com; direct line: (701) 204-7206 for her to assist you. If Diane is not able to help you find the DVDs you want, then you can apply for grant funding to purchase them. Failure to contact Diane to seek free streaming options will result in disqualification of your application.
- 2-G.) If requesting other books, please be specific.
Example: "17 books @ \$14.99 each, total \$254.83. The book's title is: "____". **The diocese will not fund books that have already been purchased.**
- 2-H.) Please do not write: "\$500 for our Youth Program". Please be very specific on how the money will be used. **The diocese will not fund office supplies or any food.**
- 2-I.) Please indicate if this funding request is for start-up costs of a new program/service or if this is for continuing an existing program/service.

- 2-J.) If requesting any electronic equipment (TV's, computers), please know that the maximum amount of funding will be \$750. If the equipment costs more than \$750, please explain how the parish/school system will pay for the balance. **The diocese will not fund any equipment that has already been purchased or ordered.**

- Please complete the following information for your grant application:

Total cost of the item you are applying for: \$ _____
amount to be paid by parish/school: \$ _____
amount to be paid by individual(s): \$ _____
amount requested from this grant: \$ _____

- If you are applying for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program:

- 1.) To purchase any item(s) needed or for supplies to make the items needed, you can apply under objective #2 and include a detailed list of the items and their expenses. Please do NOT submit a long list of items needed because we do not have enough grant funds to fund every parish or Catholic school's full list. Please prioritize your list items and include a maximum of 15 items.
- 2.) For training, you can apply under objective #3.

Please submit your grant applications to:

By Mail: **Bismarck Diocese**
Attn: Dee Tracy
PO Box 1137
Bismarck, ND 58502-1137

By e-mail: [**dtracy@bismarckdiocese.com**](mailto:dtracy@bismarckdiocese.com)

On the subject line, please include these words: **2026-2027 Grant Application**

2026-2027 Grant Application Checklist

- ☐ Does this application have its own cover sheet?
- ☐ Is the contact information fully completed?
- ☐ Have you provided quality background information about your parish/school?
- ☐ Have you provided a detailed description of your grant request that follows all of the specific directions on pages 2-3?

- ☐ Have you explained your other attempts to address this need and the ramifications of this grant not being funded?
- ☐ Has the pastor/president reviewed this application and signed it?

Name, daytime telephone number, and e-mail address of the person writing this grant:

Please print or type: _____

