



The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Las Cruces
Religious & Charitable Ministries Grant Program
Guidelines for Applicants

Purpose

The Foundation provides grants to support Catholic parishes, missions, schools, and ministries in the 10 southern counties of New Mexico. These grants help fund projects that serve parishioners, strengthen ministries, and provide charitable assistance to the poor and vulnerable in our communities.

- Grant amounts typically range from **\$500 to \$10,000**, depending on available funds and project scope.

Who May Apply

- Catholic parishes, missions, schools, or recognized ministries within the Diocese of Las Cruces.
- Projects must serve people within the Diocese and be consistent with Catholic faith and values.

Funding Priorities

We give priority to projects that:

- Serve the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable
- Strengthening parish and mission ministries
- Promote evangelization, catechesis, and Catholic formation
- Support works of mercy such as feeding, shelter, clothing, and pastoral care

What We Look for in Applications

Your application will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. **Catholic Identity** – Does the project reflect and strengthen Catholic mission and values?
2. **Need** – Does it address a real and pressing need in your parish or community?
3. **Impact** – How many people will it benefit, and in what ways?
4. **Feasibility** – Is there a clear and realistic plan to carry it out?
5. **Budget & Stewardship** – Is the budget clear, reasonable, and responsible?
6. **Sustainability** – Will the project continue to have impact beyond this grant?

Application Process

1. Complete the **Grant Application Form** and submit it by October 31, 2025.
2. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees.
3. Award decisions will be announced **45 days** after the deadline.
4. If funded, you must submit a **short report within 12 months** describing how the funds were used and the impact of your project.

How to Apply

- Download and complete the application form.
- Submit by mail or email to:
Rosie Duran, Executive Director, 303 Three Cross Dr., Roswell, NM 88201
- **rduran@cfdolc.org**
- Questions? Contact: **Rosie Duran, 575-993-2156**

 We look forward to partnering with you in building up the Church and serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.