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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

2024 Large Grant Theme: Violence Prevention in Youth

Deadline for submission: February 16, 2024

2023-24 marks the 40th year that Holy Trinity Catholic Church has set aside a percentage of its income to address social justice concerns within the Archdiocese of the District of Columbia and beyond. The Tithe Program seeks to address root causes of social justice issues across the DMV. In 2014, Holy Trinity Catholic Church began allocating a tithe portion to larger social justice grants (>\$20,000) focusing on a priority theme identified each year. These grants have supported social justice work by addressing issues systemically or by making investments to help sustain service and advocacy-oriented work. The large grant individual award ranges from \$50,000 to \$100,000. There is a separate [guideline document](#) for small grant applicants. Small grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

All projects should be designed to bring about transformative change and be a catalyst for future impact in social justice.

February 16, 2024:	Deadline for submission of Letters of Inquiry (LOI)
March 15, 2024:	Full proposals will be requested from a subset of LOIs received
April 5, 2024:	Deadline for submission of full proposals
June 30, 2024:	Awardees announced and grants distributed

Grant Focus

The 2024 RFP focuses on the following **priority theme: violence prevention in youth**. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 13 youth die every day due to violence. Further, 1 in 5 high school students report that they have been victims of bullying. As indicated by the CDC, youth violence is the result of traumatic events that occur during childhood (0-17) and highly increases the risk for future violence victimization and perpetration, and lifelong health and academic problems. Social isolation, being a victim of violence, and emotional distress can all be risk factors for youth acting out violently. We seek to award grants for specific programs addressing this issue for children between the ages of 10 and 17.

Eligibility

Holy Trinity awards grants only to nonprofit, charitable organizations designated as exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS and identified by the IRS as a public charity and whose activities and programs are compatible with the mission and objectives of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Organizations must have a local presence in the DC, Maryland and Virginia areas. We will not consider requests for individuals, political organizations, capital campaigns or for profit entities.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit a brief (maximum of 3 pages) letter of inquiry (LOI) no later than February 16, 2024 outlining the proposed project. The LOI should address the following questions:

- **Statement of Need.** What issue(s) will the project seek to address? Describe the beneficiaries of your approach and where they are located.
- **Methodology.** How will it build on and differ from existing programs addressing this topic?
- **Expected Outcomes.** What are the expected impacts for this project? Note briefly when the outcomes are measured/expected.
- **Competence/Credentials.** What are the qualifications and experience of the proposed team? How many years has your program been involved in violence prevention and youth programs?
- **Project Length.** What are the expected start and completion dates? Will the project be completed within the grant period; and if not, when?
- **Financial Needs.** What is the budget for the project? For the LOI, we expect a brief (under one-page) budget only listing major budget categories (personnel; non-personnel such as stipends for participants, etc.). What percentage of the budget would the requested grant from Holy Trinity cover? Are there other funders for this project? Do you have any proposals pending or do you plan to submit other proposals to support all or a portion of the project?

LOIs will be reviewed by the tithe committee. Criteria for selection include: (a) quality of the proposed project; (b) feasibility of executing the proposed project with the allocated budget and within the proposed time frame; (c) credentials of team/management capability; (d) relatedness to the [mission](#) of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals. Hyperlinks are allowed in the LOI and there is no specific formatting required.

Applicants will receive a response to their LOIs by March 8, 2024, with full proposals due no later than April 5, 2024, and grants announced in late June.

Contact

Please submit materials by the deadline to Ashley Klick, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice at aklick@trinity.org.