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OUR MISSION

The *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice foundation/ program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Established in 1969, CCHD was formed with a dual mandate: 1) ALLOCATION: to address the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations and 2) EDUCATION: to build solidarity between the poor and the non-poor through transformational education for justice.

ALLOCATION EFFORTS

Every year, in November, a collection is taken in all Catholic Churches in the United States. The results of this collection make up the fund that each year is allocated to social justice projects throughout the country. 75% of the funds collected are allocated through national CCHD grants and 25% of the funds collected are allocated through local CCHD grants. Some CCHD-funded projects help to create jobs, improve neighborhoods, build affordable housing and ALL grants provide low-income people with means to change the conditions that make poverty possible. *Grants are awarded on the basis of need, not religious affiliation.* Criteria that the projects are evaluated on include: (1) Projects must effect institutional change (i.e. address the root causes of poverty), (2) Efforts must benefit a poverty group, (3) Members of the poverty group must have the dominant voice in the organization with at least 50% of those who plan, implement and make policy being persons who are poor, and (4) The group must show development of ongoing leadership and a financial self-sufficiency plan. The Baltimore Diocesan Committee is made up of 15 volunteers.

EDUCATION EFFORTS

September/October: Annual Grant seekers Technical Assistance Workshops

November: Appeal Weekend: Speakers from Funded Group speak at some parishes

February/March: Annual Social Justice Convocation

Distribute various *Social Justice* materials to parishes

ANNUAL FIGURES

CCHD Collection, Archdiocese of Baltimore (collected in Nov. 2022) - Over \$110,000
National CCHD Grants 2023 Total-\$280,000



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Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., center, and Monsignor Richard J. Bozzelli, pastor, stand with recipients of grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development following their annual luncheon August 10, 2023 at St. Bernardine Catholic Church in West Baltimore. (Kevin J. Parks/CR Staff)

2023 National CCHD Grants

\$40,000 - ANNE ARUNDEL CONNECTING TOGETHER, INC. (ACT) actaaco.org

ACT is a young organization that has been working to empower low income people in Anne Arundel County. An important achievement has been the launch of the Turn Around Thursday movement. This movement is for returning citizens to Anne Arundel County. It was launched on March 2nd of this year and weekly classes are preparing training and connecting returning citizens and unemployed, underemployed and residents to living wage jobs. They are continuing to conduct listening campaigns to learn the needs of various communities within Anne Arundel County and continuing their work with organizing low income tenants.

\$50,000 - CHIN ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND chinmd.org

This CCHD grant aids CHIN's efforts to improve the protections offered to immigrants from Burma, provide continuing education, and job training and conduct research on refugee issues. Chin Association has been successful in advocating for Howard County to include in its budget a liaison officer within the public school system for the Chin community. This is a critical need to ensure their community can engage with teachers and staff about their children, given that the system is completely different from what they knew in their home country. Success for the children helps ensure a productive and engaged future generation of the Chin refugee community in the U.S. They now are trying to expand possibilities for this strategy into other counties, i.e. Baltimore and Frederick. They are also seeking to expand their agricultural program which is a space for social cohesion, food provision, and potential income for the community.

\$50,000 DRINK AT THE WELL drinkatthewell.org

This CCHD economic development grant will enable this self-help group /worker cooperative to support their social enterprise, “Hon’s Honey”. Hon’s Honey creates and sells various bath and personal products that are made and packaged by hand by the at-risk women of the Curtis Bay area. Additionally, local, raw honey is curated from local community hives and packaged and sold by Hon’s Honey. This social enterprise gives women at risk purpose for their lives and hope for their future, making Hon’s Honey the means for positive community change in the Curtis Bay area.

**\$30,000 PATH MD: PEOPLE ACTING TOGETHER IN HOWARD (COUNTY, MD):
PATH pathmaryland.wordpress.com**

This CCHD grant enables PATH to continue to organize residents in high poverty areas of Howard County and work on many issues including affordable housing and environmental justice. They have successfully organized several recent campaigns to help pass legislation in areas such as improving pre-natal care for low income residents and lowering energy costs.

\$60,000 – SOUTH BALTIMORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST sbclt.org

SBCLT is a community land trust whose goal is “development without displacement and zero waste”. This CCHD economic development grant will be used to develop housing units in Cherry Hill, Baltimore and continue SBCLT’s organizational development in its plan to build generational wealth and stabilize and revitalize the community.

\$50,000-UNITED WORKERS unitedworkers.org

The United Workers Association has had great success over the years in organizing low income people in the Baltimore City area to work on poverty issues. The current grant will help them in their expansion into counties west of Baltimore where they are working on issues of poverty that affect residents in those areas.