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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 affect 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 people who are poor, and
- (4) The group must show development of ongoing leadership and a financial self-sufficiency plan.

2024 Local and National CCHD Grants

ANNE ARUNDEL CONNECTING TOGETHER, INC. (ACT) actaaco.org

Local- \$8,500 – National - \$25,000

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.

BALTIMORE OLIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Local - \$1,500

CHIN ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND chinmd.org

Local - \$2,000

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.

IMMIGRATION OUTREACH SERVICE CENTER Baltimore

Local - \$5,000

This CCHD grant recognized the critical efforts of IOSC in welcoming and meeting the concerns of persons and their families arriving in Baltimore. Located at St. Matthew Church, IOSC has a strong record of enabling the adjustment of our new folks to know the rights and opportunities for jobs and housing.

PATH MD: PEOPLE ACTING TOGETHER IN HOWARD (COUNTY, MD): PATH

pathmaryland.wordpress.com

Local - \$5,000 – National - \$25,000

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.

SOUTH BALTIMORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST sbclt.org

Local - \$9,000 – National - \$25,000

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.

UNITED WORKERS unitedworkers.org

Local - \$9,000 – National - \$25,000

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.