

**Catholic Relief Services
Diocese of Lansing
300 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48933-1577
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Application for *Operation Rice Bowl* Local Grant 2008

Application Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully before completing the application. Grants will be awarded in varying amounts generally not to exceed \$3,000.

All applications must be sent by mail (no fax) and postmarked no later than **June 6, 2008**. All materials sent with the application will become the property of the Diocese of Lansing, Office of Catholic Relief Services and will not be returned.

Mail one copy of the completed application and any supporting materials to:

Catholic Relief Services Director
Diocese of Lansing, Department of Catholic Charities
300 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan 48933-1577

You will be notified of your eligibility in writing. CRS-ORB would like to award grants to a wide variety of groups, parishes, and projects. In order to maintain a high diversity of funded projects, previous CRS-ORB funding does not guarantee or imply future funding.

Criteria for Funding

1. The project requesting funds must be coordinated by people within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Lansing.

AND

2. The project requesting funds is primarily designed to address local hunger and food security through distribution of food items, nutritional information programming, and/or other efforts to help at-risk individuals and families attain greater food security. If program is food distribution, please indicate how verification-of-need is conducted.

OR

3. The project requesting funds is primarily designed to provide educational and awareness *experiences* about global solidarity through hands-on efforts overseas (e.g., overseas work-camps) with the agreement that participants provide a “public” forum for educating others about global solidarity through the telling of their experiences;

OR

through collaboration with overseas visitors and/or immigrants to educate local communities about life in developing countries.

OR

4. The project requesting funds is primarily designed to develop relationships between the project-sponsoring body, and parishes, schools or organizations in developing countries (e.g., school to school links through the exchange of student-made videos; parish to parish links through overseas parish-project support; etc.)

Projects Not Meeting CRS-ORB Criteria

- Projects that are not primarily designed to accomplish the above criteria.
- Projects that do not have either a hunger-centered focus or a global solidarity focus.
- CRS-ORB will not fund private school education for individuals or families.
- CRS-ORB will not provide payments to families housing or supporting refugees, immigrants, or others.

FAQs

Where does this funding money come from?

Each year, Catholic parishes across the Diocese of Lansing coordinate the Catholic Relief Services' lenten program called Operation Rice Bowl. Through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving, parishioners learn about solidarity with families and individuals overseas. Around Easter, parishes collect families' contributions in the ORB "rice bowls" and all of this money is forwarded to the diocesan office of Catholic Relief Services.

Grant money may only be used for the approved project. Any unused funds must be returned to the diocesan CRS office with the Local Grant Report Form.