



## **Criteria for Operation Rice Bowl letter application are:**

1. The project requesting funds must be operated within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Davenport.

**AND**

2. Projects must conform to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

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3. The project requesting funds provides direct services to alleviate poverty and hunger in the Diocese of Davenport.

### **Projects NOT Meeting CRS-ORB Diocesan Criteria**

- Projects that request funding for staff positions.
- Projects that support partisan political activity.
- Projects that focus on education.
- Projects that focus on international poverty and hunger.
- Projects that provide indirect services.
- Organizations that are for-profit.
- Organizations controlled by government bodies.
- Debts already incurred by applicants.
- Organizations that would use ORB funds to direct them to another organization.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

#### **Where does this funding money come from?**

Catholic parishes and schools across the U.S. contribute to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten program called Operation Rice Bowl (ORB). Through prayer, fasting, learning, and giving, parishioners learn about solidarity with families and individuals overseas. At the end of Lent, parishes collect all contributions to the “rice bowls”. Of the amount collected in the Diocese of Davenport, 25% becomes available for distribution to projects within diocesan geographic boundaries. The other 75% of the money collected is forwarded to the national CRS office for distribution around the world to address causes of global hunger and poverty.

### **Who decides what gets funded?**

A diocesan board is appointed by the Bishop of Davenport to allocate diocesan funds for ORB. This diocesan board also promotes other programs of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The board is made up of clergy, religious and lay people from around the diocese. The diocesan CCHD / CRS board is staffed by the diocesan director for CCHD / CRS.

### **What is the decision process?**

The diocesan director distributes proposals to the diocesan board. The board reviews all of the applications and makes decisions to provide full funding, partial funding, or to deny funding. Decisions are then submitted to the Bishop of Davenport for final approval.

### **How much total grant money is available for allocation?**

Since the money available for funding is a percentage of the annual collection, the total grant money available depends on how much is collected by parishes and schools of the Diocese each year. As some collections are still coming in, this total is not yet available for this year.

### **Reporting on use of funds:**

Write a one page report of funded activities and an accounting of funds spent for any funded project and submit it to the diocesan Social Action Office within one month of completion of funded project or before any future requests for diocesan ORB funding, whichever comes first. These reports will be distributed to diocesan CCHD / CRS board members.

Grant money may only be used for the approved project, and unused funds must be returned to the diocesan Social Action Office within one year. Generally, funds should be used within one year.

*To submit a request for funding, mail a letter outlining plans, needs and how funds would be used, along with budget information and any supporting documentation, to:*

**Social Action Office  
Diocese of Davenport  
780 West Central Park Ave  
Davenport, IA 52804-1901**

**Grant Request must be postmarked by May 31<sup>ST</sup>**

### **Please include the following information:**

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Call Loxi Hopkins, 563-888-4212, Kent Ferris, 563-888-4211, for other information or assistance.