

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

GRANTS4GOOD



Grants4Good is a collection of three grant opportunities available through Catholic United Financial that support social, service, and faith-based activities in your community.

The Grants4Good program allows Catholic United Financial to help our Council and Parish Volunteer Teams (PVTs) accomplish more in their parishes and communities. Providing up to \$500 per event, Grants4Good creates an opportunity for our groups to put on an entirely new event or enhance an existing activity using the funds to help support their endeavors.

Guidelines

Events and activities submitted for consideration should follow the expectations outlined below:



Funds for **social events** should be used to create an opportunity or enhance an existing event that supports and builds community and fellowship through family-friendly activities.



Funds for **service activities** should be used to create an opportunity to bring people together to perform a service or complete a project. Community education events may be considered under the service grant at the discretion of the Member Engagement Department. *Collections/drives do not qualify for service grant funding.*



Funds for **faith events** should be used to create an opportunity for spiritual growth or faith development in the parish or community.

Publicity used to advertise the event must include Catholic United Financial, meet publicity standards set by the Member Engagement Department, and be included with the submission to receive funding.

Grants4Good activities must be submitted through our online reporting tool at least **4 weeks prior** to the activity date to be considered for full funding. *Submitting a request less than 4 weeks before an event will negatively impact funding totals.*

Catholic United Councils can receive one grant worth up to \$500 toward a **service project** they organize during the year.

Catholic United Parish Volunteer Teams (PVTs) can receive up to a **total three grants**, one in each category, as defined above.



Things to Consider

The application should indicate *specifically* how the amount requested will be spent towards the event. For example:

- “The \$500 we are requesting for our **social event** will allow us to rent an inflatable playground to encourage families with children to attend the event.
- “We are assembling school supply bags for students. The \$250 we are requesting for our **service event** will cover the costs for backpack contents. Notebooks: \$70. Pens: \$30. Calculators: \$100. Glue: \$50.”
- “The \$500 we are requesting for our **faith event** will cover the cost of hiring a speaker to present on the symbols and ritual of the Catholic Mass. His/her fee is \$400 and the remaining \$100 will be used to purchase Catholic United notebooks (\$70) and pens (\$30) for attendees.”

The application should indicate the desired output/impact of the event. For example:

- “Our social event is meant to bring together families in our parish by providing an evening of community and entertainment for parishioners. Adding live music to the event will hopefully draw more people to the event!”
- “For our service event, we are going to pack 500 backpacks with notebooks, pens, pencils/crayons and calculators for our local school. These items will be provided for all students to help offset some of the costs for sending kids to Catholic school.”
- “Our faith-based event is designed to provide an opportunity for our parishioners to learn more about the liturgy and gain a deeper appreciation of the Catholic Mass.”

The Member Engagement Department will send an email alerting the Council or PVT contact of the award amount or if the proposal was declined.

Payments are direct-deposited into the Council or PVT’s checking account.

Availability of funds may impact the amounts of grants awarded.



Social



Service



Faith