



Community Funding Opportunities!

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APPLICATION DEADLINES:
**AUGUST 21 &
OCTOBER 23, 2026**



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CCAT FUNDING PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our funding philosophy is grounded in the concept of integral human development¹ and rooted deeply in Catholic Social Teaching.

The following principles guide our allocation process, ensuring that all funding practices contribute to our mission, address social inequities, and uplift community well-being.

VALUES ALIGNMENT AND STEWARDSHIP

All funds entrusted to CCAT are gifts to be ethically stewarded in service of the Church and the broader community. Funding decisions must consistently reflect core Catholic values and CCAT's mission, prioritizing projects and organizations that promote human dignity, demonstrate a preferential option for the poor, justice, charity, and the common good.

SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY

CCAT supports a diverse network of organizations and groups, acknowledging each unique niche and needs while promoting unity across its system of partners. It allocates resources according to the principle of subsidiarity – empowering local service providers to respond to community needs where possible – while encouraging solidarity and collective support for initiatives that address poverty and social justice.

¹ Integral Human Development promotes the good of every person and of the whole person. It focuses on the cultural, economic, political, social and spiritual aspects of the person.
<https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/sviluppo-umano-integrale.html>

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Transparency is essential to building and maintaining trust within the network and the wider community. The funding philosophy requires transparent, periodic reporting on the use and impact of distributed funds. Recipients of resources must demonstrate responsible use and provide required reporting. Each funding decision must be accompanied by documentation and provide opportunities for feedback, so the network and CCAT understand the impact of their contributions to the community and our mission.

BELONGING AND PARTICIPATION

Community members are encouraged to contribute not only financially but also through volunteer service and advocacy. We welcome the diversity of gifts and actively seek input from stakeholders to shape funding priorities, striving for processes that respect all voices and uphold the dignity of every person. We seek to engage people and communities as active participants in identifying needs, shaping solutions, and evaluating impact.

FUNDING APPROACH

The funding approach is guided by the universally relevant *Catholic Social Teaching*:

Catholic Social Teaching Principle	What it Means for Applicants
Human Dignity	Respecting the worth of every person and promoting the protection of life through compassionate support
Preferential Option for the Poor	Prioritizing people and communities facing the greatest challenges
Common Good	Creating benefits for the wider community
Solidarity	Standing with and supporting others
Subsidiarity	Empowering local solutions and community leadership

Funding decisions will be informed by Catholic values and principles and embrace both existing and new partners whose work demonstrates a commitment to advancing our shared mission, values, and service to the community.