



## **CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED**

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### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

#### **Criteria and Guidelines for Funding Requests for 2025**

**OUR VISION:** Through God's grace, we will connect Christ Church members with our neighbors in need, providing mutually transformative opportunities seeking to eliminate poverty and injustice in our community.

**OUR MISSION:** To provide funding to nonprofit agencies that feed, clothe, house, educate, and advocate for our neighbors in need, impacting and improving the lives of those experiencing poverty and injustice in our community.

All requests for funding will be carefully reviewed and prayerfully considered by the Christ Church Christiana Hundred Outreach Committee. For further information or clarification regarding these criteria and guidelines, please contact Christ Church directly at [outreach@christchurchde.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchde.org) or by calling (302) 655-3379.

#### **Criteria:**

- A majority of funding will go to programs that address poverty, specifically those programs that feed, clothe, house, educate, advocate for, and offer health care for the destitute, homeless, helpless, and deprived.
- While focusing on programs that address poverty, we will also consider existing programs and new initiatives that are consistent with Christian concerns for peace and social justice, subject to the availability of funds.
- Organizations/agencies will be evaluated on how efficiently they use their financial resources and on how directly and effectively the overall work of the organization/agency (and not just a particular program) meets the above criteria.
- Priority will be given to programs that have active Christ Church parishioner and/or clergy involvement and that offer opportunities for parishioner engagement.
- Priority will be given to programs where Christ Church funds have the greatest impact by leveraging other sources of funds or that intentionally collaborate with other organizations/agencies establishing the goal of sharing program resources or reducing costs.
- To receive funds from Christ Church, organizations/agencies must have a current 501(c)3 status.
- Christ Church will fund organizations, agencies, and programs that offer services and that meet material needs according to the above criteria and will not give monies to programs that in turn distribute monies, gift cards, or in any way pass on money to other individuals or organizations.

**Guidelines:**

- Funding proposals need to describe the specific program for which funds are requested, how this program meets the above criteria, suggest ways Christ Church members can be involved as volunteers, and describe anticipated outcomes of the program.
- Funding requests need to be for a particular programmatic and/or organizational need and be used within the funding year.
- If funding is provided from Christ Church, the organization/agency receiving the funds commits to providing a year-end (EOY) status report and an accountability report on the use of the funds. If an organization/agency received funds from Christ Church in 2024, the EOY report is due to Christ Church by 5 PM on December 31, 2024. If Christ Church does not receive an EOY report by the deadline, funding requests for 2025 will not be considered.
- Funds are awarded on an annual basis. Receiving funds for one year does not guarantee ongoing funding by Christ Church Christiana Hundred.
- To submit a funding request, please use the Funding Application for 2025 and include the attachments requested at the end of the application form. Applications must be received by Friday, January 31, 2025.
- Allocation decisions will be made by April 2025, notice to agencies will be in May 2025, and checks will be mailed in late-May for camps and in late-June 2025 for all other agencies.
- If funded for 2025, the agency must notify Christ Church at [outreach@christchurchde.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchde.org) of any changes to the agency's physical address or to the ED or Development Director's name and contact information that occur in 2025.