



## Archdiocese of Baltimore Maryland

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### OUR MISSION

The *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice foundation/ program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Established in 1969, CCHD was formed with a dual mandate: 1) ALLOCATION: to address the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations and 2) EDUCATION: to build solidarity between the poor and the non-poor through transformational education for justice.

### HOW ARE THESE EFFORTS FUNDED?

Every year, in November, a collection is taken in all Catholic Churches in the United States. The results of this collection make the fund that each year is allocated to projects throughout the country. 75% of the funds collected are allocated through national CCHD grants and 25% of the funds collected are allocated through local CCHD grants. Some CCHD-funded projects help to create jobs, improve neighborhoods, build affordable housing and ALL grants provide low-income people with means to change the conditions that make poverty possible. *Grants are awarded on the basis of need, not religious affiliation.* Criteria that the projects are evaluated on include: (1) Projects must effect institutional change, (2) efforts must benefit a poverty group, (3) Members of the poverty group must have the dominant voice in the organization with at least 50% of those who plan, implement and make policy should be persons who are poor, (4) Development of ongoing leadership and a financial self-sufficiency plan.

### ANNUAL FIGURES

**CCHD Collection, Archdiocese of Baltimore- \$96,824.32 (November 2024)**

**National CCHD Grants 2025 Total \$95,000**

**Local CCHD Grants 2025 Total \$ 1,000**

**Total CCHD National & Local Grants \$96,000**

As of 1-30-26 (from the November 2025 collection) \$107,797.49 has been raised due to the generosity of parishioners in the Archdiocese of Baltimore for grants in 2026.

**Monsignor Richard Bozzelli, left, Baltimore CCHD committee director since 2021 and pastor of St. Bernardine in West Baltimore, along with fellow committee members, pause for a group photo following the 2026 CCHD awards luncheon Feb. 25. The 2025 luncheon was moved to this year following a restructuring of the grant application process by the USCCB. (Kevin J. Parks/CR Staff)**



## **2025 National CCHD Grants**

**\$45,000- UNITED WORKERS ORGANIZATION, BALTIMORE :** Many people in Maryland struggle with health issues and barriers to affording treatment and medication despite working multiple jobs. This Community Development CCHD Grant will enable this group to organize people around health equity issues in Baltimore City and Western Maryland.

**\$25,000- YOUTH AS RESOURCES:** This innovative organization emphasizes youth leadership development, community organizing and institutional change in their work. One of the projects the Community Development CCHD Grant will fund is their school-based Climate Clubs which engage students to improve school climate in Baltimore City Public Schools through organizing and student-led strategies. They will also be completing a 2 year pilot program Mervo High School in Baltimore City to institutionalize youth-led school safety strategies.

**\$25,000- ANNE ARUNDEL CONNECTING TOGETHER:** ACT has been involved in listening campaigns throughout Anne Arundel County to discern community needs. Some of the campaigns that this grant will help to fund is ending late fees for utility bills, protecting descendent properties from systemic racism, and creating more affordable housing particularly for young adults and seniors.

## **2025 Local CCHD Grants**

**\$1,000 -NEW SOUTH CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** This community association has been working to improve their neighborhood, connect with other community associations, and work with the city to address systemic problems. This local grant will enable them to get some resources to strengthen their board in areas such as fund raising, get training in organizing strategies to address root causes of poverty, and funds to continue to build their internet presence.