

Pray, Fast, Learn, Give

Operation Rice Bowl 2012 Grant Application



In order to distribute the 25% retained each year from the Operation Rice Bowl collection, a grant process has been put into place. Please forward this information to parish or community groups sponsoring programs that work to feed the hungry.

Once again in Lent 2012 our diocese will participate in Catholic Relief Service's Operation Rice Bowl program. ORB has always emphasized the traditional Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. We rejoice that our efforts allow our diocese to assist those who hunger and thirst for nourishment of body and soul in their every day lives. May our spiritual fulfillment consist of our attentive prayer for justice in all parts of our world, on behalf of all people who struggle daily for justice and peace.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Vicki Compton
Office for the Missions
1615 W. Washington
Springfield, IL 62702

Call: 217-698-8500 x120

E-mail: missions@dio.org



2012 RICE BOWL GRANT APPLICATION -Guidelines

Operation Rice Bowl is sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and Catholic Relief Services. This Lenten program is conducted in Catholic parishes throughout the entire diocese. 75% of the funds raised are used for international relief and development projects and 25% are distributed within the diocese for food programs and root-cause-of poverty relief efforts.

1. A majority of local Rice Bowl funds (25% of the diocesan collection) will be allocated to food programs.
2. A smaller amount of local Rice Bowl funds will be allotted to programs, projects or organizations that respond to the root causes of hunger, "one step removed" from direct feeding, i.e. projects dealing with economic development, anti-hunger advocacy and organizing, etc.
3. Programs, projects, or organizations to be considered for Rice Bowl funds will be those supported primarily by community – churches, volunteers, and donations.
4. Grants are made on an annual basis and do not imply subsequent years of funding.
5. Those programs, projects, or organizations that receive Rice Bowl funds will be asked to submit a simple written report prior to funding the following year, which explains the use of the grant and the number of persons served.
6. No proposal from an organization located outside of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be considered.
7. No proposal that excludes on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation can be considered.
8. Only in certain circumstances may Rice Bowl funds be used directly for salary expenses – such a proposal must be discussed with the Director of the Office for the Missions.
9. The Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl Committee will recognize the ordinary standards with respect to potential conflict of interest in considering allocations to programs/projects related to any committee member.
10. For applications made by a Catholic parish or parish program, the signature of a pastor, pastoral life coordinator, or parish administrator is required on the application indicating his/her knowledge and approval of the grant application.
11. In order to increase participation in the Operation Rice Bowl program, all grantees are requested to advertise Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois as a co-funder of the project.

**If you have questions or concerns about this application,
please call the Office for the Missions @ 217/698-8500 or e-mail missions@dio.org**

**DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS
RICE BOWL GRANT APPLICATION**

Submission Deadline: January 31, 2012

Rice Bowl grant applications postmarked or hand-delivered after January 31st may not be considered.

**MAIL TO:
CRS/RICE BOWL GRANT
Office for the Missions
1615 W. Washington
Springfield, IL 62702**

Date: ____/____/____

AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST: \$_____

*NAME OF ORGANIZATION or PARISH: _____

Name of Program or Project (if applicable) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ DEANERY _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ DAYTIME PHONE (____) _____ - _____

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (1) what you are doing; (2) targeted population; (3) services you provide; (4) number of people served each year; (5) other helpful information.

Please use only the space on this form. We will request additional information if needed.

APPLICATION CONTINUES ON THE REVERSE SIDE

What was your program income, in DOLLARS (do not include in-kind donations) last year: \$ _____

How much of this was spent on **food**: \$ _____

What is your estimated annual value of "in-kind" contributions (**food**)? \$ _____

What is your present source of funding for **FOOD ONLY**? (Please be as specific as possible.)

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Food Income</u>
Federal:	\$ _____	_____ %
State:	\$ _____	_____ %
Grants: Rice Bowl	\$ _____	_____ %
Individuals:	\$ _____	_____ %
Other	\$ _____	_____ %

Describe "other" _____

Do you expect cutbacks of any sort in the next 12 months? _____ if yes, please explain: _____

How will RICE BOWL funds be used: _____

How will Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl program be highlighted, noted as a (co)funder of this project, or be made visible in the project's process? _____

List two persons or organizations, independent of your program, which could give information regarding your efforts.

1. Name _____ 2. Name _____

Daytime Phone (____) ____ - _____ Daytime Phone (____) ____ - _____

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** ____ / ____ / ____

Name (Please print) _____ **Title** _____

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Parish _____ Pastor _____
Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____