

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Awards
(grants awarded in spring 2019 from funds collected in 2018)

Migrant Ministry

**St. Patrick and St. Anthony Parish
Grand Haven**

The Migrant Ministry assists seasonal workers who come to the area during the months of May through October. Low salaries make it difficult for workers and their families to make ends meet. The ministry helps to provide some of the basic needs to give the workers opportunities to better their lives.

CCHD funds help the ministry purchase food, household items, personal care items and drinking water.

Amount awarded: \$3,000

English as a Second Language

Holy Name of Jesus

While the focus of this program is English language acquisition, students also learn valuable life skills that benefit the parish and the community at large. Through relationships built in these classes, students have found supportive friends, jobs, parenting help, further education and healthcare. Teachers help connect students to resources in community, including GED classes, citizenship classes and college enrollment.

CCHD funds help cover day-to-day operation, including stipend paid to ESL coordinator, instructional materials, teacher training, office supplies, snacks for students and incentives for volunteer teachers.

Amount awarded: \$5,500

Pregnancy Support Services

**Catholic Charities West
Michigan**

CCWM's Pregnancy Support Services offer services to any woman who is pregnant and needs assistance through her pregnancy and through the first year of her child's life to help her achieve an emotionally and physically healthy pregnancy while allowing her to explore parenting and adoption options for their infant. Services are also available to the father of the baby and the family.

CCHD funds would support salaries and benefits for workers, program and client expenses.

Amount awarded: \$7,000

Kids' Food Basket

Urban Growing and Experiential Learning Program

Children's Health is directly related to the quality of their food and the environments in which they grow and live. By feeding our future and teaching the next generation about where their food comes from, we help more West Michigan children succeed.

CCHD funds help allow the Kids' Food Basket to partner with Gladiola Elementary where two of three students experience food insecurity. The funds help with a service project through our civic engagement lesson plan. In addition, the funds would be used to provide a service activity on Kids' Food Baskets 1-acre farm in Grand Rapids.

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Youth Empowerment Program (YEP!)

Community enCompass

Community enCompass is a Christian Community Development organization that serves downtown Muskegon neighborhoods. The mission is to empower people and build community in the McLaughlin Neighborhood by sharing God's love, as we walk alongside neighbors, seeking justice and a better quality of life for all through long-term sustainable changes.

CCHD funds support efforts to nurture youth leaders in the community and employ at-risk teens by connecting the gifts of older youth with the needs of younger youth. Grant dollars specifically help support the staff position, provide stipends for teens employed through YEP!, and help provide various educational, leadership, transportation and nutritional supplies for participants in After School Center and CATCH Camp.

Amount awarded: \$7,000

Heartside Ministry

Fit, Fun and Games

Heartside Ministry provides a safe place for those experiencing homelessness and other life challenges by offering Christian hospitality through educational opportunities, artistic expression, advocacy, pastoral care and a place to belong. Of those we serve, 90% have no education beyond a high school diploma or GED certification and 80% have an annual earned income of less than \$5,000. In an effort to reduce isolation, promote social networks, and communication skills, this program is in addition to our GED and Art programs.

CCHD funds help get the program started and functioning on a regular basis. The funds would provide for start-up costs for the technical infrastructure, supplies, training for neighborhood volunteers and staff time.

Amount awarded: \$4,000

Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan

Parents for Healthy Homes

Healthy Homes Coalition’s mission is to improve children’s health and wellbeing by eliminating harmful housing conditions. The vision of Healthy Homes Coalition is that all children will grow up in healthy homes free of environmental hazards, accomplished through policy and advocacy, outreach and education, direct service and continuous collaboration.

The CCHD funds are used to help support leadership training for parents, cost of childcare, food and supplies for meeting participants, stipends for parents who serve on public boards as parent representatives to help defray cost of transportation and childcare.

Amount awarded: \$7,000