



2025 RICE BOWL GRANT APPLICATION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS), our international relief agency, and by the Diocese of Reno. This Lenten program is conducted in Catholic parishes and schools throughout our diocese. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised are used for CRS' international development and disaster relief projects. Twenty-five percent are distributed in our own diocese for hunger programs and alleviation of poverty efforts.

1. Most grants will be given for efforts addressing hunger and food insecurity.
2. Some of the local Rice Bowl funds will be allotted to projects that respond to the root causes of hunger, i.e., projects dealing with economic development, anti-hunger advocacy and organizing, etc.
3. Grants are made on an annual basis and do not imply subsequent years' funding.
4. Organizations which receive Rice Bowl funds in 2025 will submit a simple written report.
5. Organizations' activities must be consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching and with 501©3 rules regarding partisan political activity.
6. For applications made by a Catholic parish or parish program (project, organization, etc.), the appropriate parish staff person's signature is required on the application form indicating his/her approval of the grant application.
7. St. Vincent de Paul Society Conferences: On the application form, please indicate your parish affiliation (if applicable).