



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2026 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards Totaling \$77,300

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that twelve Catholic Social Ministry grants totaling **\$77,300** were awarded to support ten projects during its summer grant cycle. Grants are awarded in this area to ministries and projects that embrace and align with Catholic social teaching and are answering the Gospel call to respond to needs within the community.

2026 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards

Anawim Ministries (Frenchville, PA): \$10,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support their programs which provide essential items and practical assistance to individuals and families in need.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. (Erie, PA): \$13,661 Catholic Social Ministry Grant and a **\$339 Toohey Family Grant** to provide families with emergency shelter in a hotel or rent assistance to avoid eviction.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. (Erie, PA): \$5,300 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support a conference for faith formation leaders, parish staff, catechists, and parishioners on serving the poor in accord with Church teaching.

Catholic Community Services of Northwestern PA (Erie, PA): \$7,635 Catholic Social Ministry Grant and a **\$7,365 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to support their Bridge Forward program, which provides temporary financial support to those in crisis.

Maria House Project (Erie, PA): \$6,500 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the purchase of materials to aid in the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of the men residing at Maria House Project.

Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$5,000 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant to support Q Academy, which will provide mentoring and educational support to male youth in grades 7-12 without a father figure.

Saint Eulalia Parish (Coudersport, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the parish's maternity closet.

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Saint James Parish (Erie, PA): \$2,500 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase ingredients to make and serve meals to those in need.

Saint Joseph Parish (Warren, PA): \$9,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the purchase of tables, chairs, and serving equipment for their soup kitchen.

SSJ Neighborhood Network (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the purchase of equipment and supplies to enhance their urban agriculture project sites and farmers' market.



Be the spark! These Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Catholic Social Ministry Endowment*, *Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment*, and *Toohey Family Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic social ministry initiatives throughout northwest Pennsylvania today and for future generations.

About the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania

The Catholic Foundation is the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values and investment principles. The Foundation is an independent 501 (c)(3) corporation. It is governed by a board of directors comprised of Catholic lay men and women from throughout northwest Pennsylvania. The Foundation inspires and unites Catholics in supporting their faith community and creating a Catholic legacy, assisting donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Catholic ministries in their community.

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