



Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph
Life & Justice Campaign
Grant Application Criteria

1. Project must have as a primary goal to directly address injustice toward the dignity of the person or the sanctity of human life. The following is a list of potential program candidates:
 - Protection for the unborn
 - Food, clothing, shelter, education, or economic security for the poor
 - Health care for vulnerable populations
 - Healing for victims of abortion
 - Protection for victims of violence
 - Prevention of euthanasia or assisted suicide
 - Spiritual support for the imprisoned
 - Work to abolish the death penalty
 - Promotion of adult stem cell research or work to eliminate embryonic stem cell research
 - Defense of conscience rights and religious liberty
 - Promotion of real immigration reform
 - Advancement of the dignity of meaningful work
2. Project funding may be requested and used to:
 - Start a new project within a new program.
 - Start a new project within an existing program.
 - Develop or expand an existing project.
3. Project must target change through one or more of the following methods:
 - Pastoral Care – Provide services which enable beneficiaries to overcome threat or injustice.
 - Empowerment -- Transfer decision-making authority and responsibility
 - Education – Raise awareness within the parish or community to increase involvement.
 - Public policy advocacy -- Modify existing laws and/or policies.
4. Members of the effected group must have a majority voice in the project or the project must include a plan to develop leadership skills.
5. Project does not have, and does not expect to have, *significant* private or public monies during the initial Life & Justice Grant funding period. If alternative funds are expected during the initial funding period, the following should be provided:
 - Current sources of funds secured
 - Sources of additional funds currently being sought

6. A single project or program may receive no more than three (3) Life & Justice Grants total.
7. Project must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
8. Funds may not be used to support projects not listed in the grant application.
9. Funds may not be used to provide direct financial support to other organizations.
10. Funds may not be used to provide support in any way to a candidate for political office.
11. Funds may not be used to support any communication, activity, project, or event that opposes, or is inconsistent with, the teachings of the Catholic Church.
12. Organization must be a 501(c)(3) and provide an IRS Certification of Tax Exempt Status

Grant Applications

Applications for Life & Justice Grants are available from the following locations:

- Life & Justice website: www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org
- Emailing sheppard@diocesekcsj.org, or calling (816) 756-1850 x544

In order to be considered for a grant, a completed application and all accompanying documentation must be received by the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph Chancery no later than January 1st of the funding year.

Please submit completed application documentation to one of the following locations:

Mail: Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
Life & Justice Campaign
20 West Ninth Street
Kansas City, MO 64105

Email: sheppard@diocesekcsj.org

All grant applications received by the stated deadline will be reviewed and all funding decisions will be made and communicated in March. Recipients will be invited to attend an awards reception in May of the funding year.

Recipients may have the opportunity to assist with education about their project or organization during subsequent Office of Life & Justice events or during the next scheduled parish collection cycle.

For questions regarding the Life & Justice Grant application or donation process, please contact Deborah Sheppard at sheppard@diocesekcsj.org or (816) 756-1850 (x544). Thank you.