

How are the amounts of the grants determined?

1. All requesting organizations that meet *all* of the [Life & Justice Grant Criteria](#) receive a grant of some amount? If *all* of the criteria are *not* met, the grant request is denied.

There are currently many options available for faithful 501(c)(3) organizations to receive funding through donations and grants. The diocesan Life & Justice Campaign provides a unique opportunity to support local organizations that are primarily focused on creating programs to defend the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person as defined by the doctrine of the Catholic Church. The denial of a Life & Justice Campaign grant is reflective of neither the value of the services provided by a requesting organization, nor the worthiness of the requesting organization to receive future funding from Catholic organizations or from our Catholic faithful.

Quantitative Calculation(s)

2. Each organization is rated on a scale of 5 (highest) to 1 (lowest) for the following criteria and the rating is then multiplied by the respective weighted factor (in parenthesis) to get a “Total Score”.
 - Primary Goal -- Dignity of Person/Sanctity of Life (5 pts.)
 - Development of new project / expansion of current project (4 pts.)
 - Change through education, pastoral care, empowerment, public policy advocacy (3pts.)
 - Effected group has majority voice in project (3pts.)
 - No significant private or public funds (4pts.)
3. The “Total Scores” of all the organizations are then added up and a “Percentage” of the combined Total Scores is calculated for each organization.
4. The “Percentage” of each organization is multiplied by the total amount collected for the calendar year and each organization is initially allotted the lesser of this amount or the amount requested.

Qualitative Calculation(s)

5. Once all initial allotments have been made, the remaining funds are distributed based on the following factors:
 - Did any organization receive an initial allotment that was significantly less than a similar organization simply because the organization requested a significantly smaller amount? If so, the amount for this organization is increased based on the remaining funds available and an informed assessment by the Life & Justice Campaign Committee. **However, no initial allotments are ever reduced for any organization.**
 - Does the Respect Life Office or the Human Rights Office have current or planned programs, activities, or events that can directly enhance the project or program for which funding has been requested? If so, considerations are made for additional funding if specific recommendations are agreed upon by the requesting organization. These may include the creation of immediate volunteer opportunities, co-sponsorship of upcoming events, or sharing of personnel resources and skill sets. **However, no additional special funding is considered until all initial allotment amounts have been determined for all requesting organizations.**

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Example of how the amounts of grant funds are calculated:

Organization "A" requests \$5,000

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| • Dignity/Sanctity of Life | Rating of 5 x 5 pts. = 25 |
| • Development /expansion project | Rating of 4 x 4 pts. = 16 |
| • Change methods | Rating of 4 x 3 pts. = 12 |
| • Effected group has voice | Rating of 3 x 3 pts. = 9 |
| • No significant funds | <u>Rating of 2 x 4 pts. = 8</u> |
| | Total Score = 70 |

Organization "B" requests \$3,000

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| • Dignity/Sanctity of Life | Rating of 4 x 5 pts. = 20 |
| • Development /expansion project | Rating of 4 x 4 pts. = 16 |
| • Change methods | Rating of 5 x 3 pts. = 15 |
| • Effected group has voice | Rating of 3 x 3 pts. = 9 |
| • No significant funds | <u>Rating of 4 x 4 pts. = 16</u> |
| | Total Score = 76 |

Organization "C" requests \$10,000

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| • Dignity/Sanctity of Life | Rating of 4 x 5 pts. = 20 |
| • Development /expansion project | Rating of 4 x 4 pts. = 16 |
| • Change methods | Rating of 4 x 3 pts. = 12 |
| • Effected group has voice | Rating of 2 x 3 pts. = 6 |
| • No significant funds | <u>Rating of 1 x 4 pts. = 4</u> |
| | Total Score = 58 |

Combined "Total Scores" = **204** (70 + 76 + 58), therefore "Percentages" are:

Organization A	34% (70/204)
Organization B	38% (76/204)
Organization C	28% (58/204)

If total amount of donations collected for calendar year = **\$12,000**, initial allotments are:

Organization A	\$4,080 (Lesser of \$5,000 requested or 34% of \$12,000 collected)
Organization B	\$3,000 (Lesser of \$3,000 requested or 38% of \$12,000 collected)
<u>Organization C</u>	<u>\$3,360</u> (Lesser of \$10,000 requested or 28% of \$12,000 collected)

Total initial allotments = **\$10,440**

There is a total of **\$1,560** (\$12,000 – \$10,440) remaining to be distributed.

If Organization "A" and Organization "B" request funds for an equivalent project, Organization "B" may receive additional funds. If the Respect Life Office can partner with Organization "C" on a project for which funding was requested, Organization "C" may received additional funds.

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