

MINISTRY SUPPORT FUND

Policy

In accord with the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, the Ministry Support Fund is earmarked for the support of ministries, especially those in direct service to the economically poor. A part of the fund is to provide seed money for new ministries. Although the fund may be used to supplement resources available to Sisters in ministry, it is not intended to substitute for parish/agency support. The amount allocated annually will be determined by the designated councilors. Grants or low-interest loans are available to applicants who satisfactorily complete the application process and meet the criteria of the Ministry Support Fund. After reviewing the applications, the Ministry Support Fund Committee will make recommendations regarding the funding requests to the Central Council for final approval.

Criteria

1. Proposals submitted to the Ministry Support Fund Review Committee must be submitted by the due date. (Notification of the time line to apply for Ministry Support Funds will be communicated annually by the Council.
2. Funds may be requested for a limited time for:
 - Sisters working with the economically poor
 - Seed money for developing a new project (maximum 5 years)
 - Developing a new phase of an existing ministry
 - Specific need of an existing ministry
3. New Applications and Re-Applications must:
 - Demonstrate that the proposal fulfills an unmet need in the geographical area
 - Outline reasonable and achievable goals
 - Present a plan of action and method of evaluating the plan
 - Submit a prior financial statement for an existing project
 - Include a proposed budget
 - Show that requests were solicited for alternative funding in addition to the Ministry Support Fund request
4. All Re-Applications must:
 - include an accounting of how the past Ministry Support Funds were allocated
 - demonstrate a continuing need.
5. All recipients of Ministry Support Funds must submit a financial account of how allocated funds were dispersed.