



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Shepherd's Gate Grant Application 2026

The Shepherd's Gate Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations reflecting our mission to serve people in need. Proceeds from Good Shepherd Catholic Church's annual Labor Day weekend International Festival funds the Shepherd's Gate Grant (SSG) Program. Area non-profit organizations serving local and regional communities by providing a critical benefit to vulnerable and/or low-income persons, are invited to apply for a grant.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2026 APPLICANTS

The application must be complete and submitted by Friday, May 22, 2026 at 5pm by email to grant@gs-cc.org to be considered for an award.

Grant priorities - the organization's program or project should address needs in one or more of the following categories:

- Food insecurity
- Medical needs
- Homelessness/Shelter/Housing
- Educational needs
- Jobs/Vocational Training
- Immigration/Refugee needs
- Transportation for low-income families

Required Application Components *(Must be attached to the application)*

- Statement of Organization's Purpose and Mission
- Names and contact information of the Board of Directors
- Evidence of Nonprofit Status (501.c.3 letter)
- Organization's FY financial statement or budget
- Detailed budget for the Program/Project listed
- Program brochure or flyer (**optional**)

The intent of this grant is to fund a specific program/project to serve the needs of a community, as opposed to providing general operational funds. Please complete this application with regard to the project/program for which the funds are being requested.

Recipients of the 2026 Shepherd's Gate Grants will be required to complete an end-of-project report detailing the outcomes and achievements.

2026 SHEPHERD'S GATE GRANT APPLICATION

Sponsoring Organization(s) _____

New applicant

Previous Shepherd's Gate Grant recipient

Address _____

Contact Person _____

Position _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email _____

Website (if applicable) _____

How did your organization learn of the Shepherd's Gate Grant? (Check all that apply)

Former applicant

Good Shepherd staff or parishioner

Parishioner of another parish _____

Other _____

Has this grant proposal and the project/program been approved by the organization's Executive Director, President, or Board of Trustees?

Yes - Approved by _____ Date _____

No

PROGRAM / PROJECT INFORMATION

Program or Project Name: _____

Limit answers to three (3) typed pages using 12 pt. font, Times New Roman.

1. **Overview:** *Concisely describe the principal goal(s) and objective(s) of the project/program. Please specify the Grant Priority, from the application’s information page, being addressed.*

2. **Need:** *Describe the problem, issue or need that will be met by this project/program.*

3. **Activities:** *Describe the activities that will achieve the project/program’s goals and objectives. (Include timeline, if practical.)*

4. **Benefit:** *Identify those persons who will benefit from this project. Please identify the expected number of impacted persons; economic status; impacted region or area. (If you were a recipient last year, provide information about outcomes-to-date and challenges.)*

5. **Participants:** *Identify those who will be involved in this project/program. (Include staff, partnering organizations, volunteers, and beneficiaries.)*

6. **Budget Overview:**

Total budget for the project/program: \$ _____

Grant amount requested: \$ _____ *Maximum award is \$5,000*

Additional funding sources:

Funding Source	Amount Budgeted	Secured (Y/N)?

NOTE: If the requested amount is a portion of the total project funding, please include in your detailed project budget the other funding sources and amounts obtained or expected. It is highly recommended that the overall project/program budget not greatly exceed that which is being requested by this grant and/or already secured.