

RESPECT LIFE GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION PERIOD: June 1 – August 31

“Human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation” – The Gospel of Life, no. 87

The Bishop’s Respect Life Fund of the Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs provides a limited number of grants specifically to fund pro-life ministry, outreach, direct services or advocacy in the Pikes Peak Region. Grants between \$100 and \$5000 are awarded at the discretion of the bishop and dependent on the availability of funds.

Applications must be received electronically (preferred) or postmarked by Aug 31. Grants are awarded during Respect Life Month (October). All grant recipients must provide a follow-up report before May 31 of the following year to show progress and provide documentation regarding the expenditure of funds.

Grants are awarded to groups and organizations that promote a consistent ethic of life. The Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops divides pro-life ministry into four categories: education and public information; pastoral care; public policy; and prayer and worship.

Applicants are asked to identify the type of pro-life ministry for which grant funds will be used based on these categories. BEFORE applying, please read the **Grant Application Guidelines** which define “consistent life ethic” as well as the four types of pro-life work listed above. If you have questions or need more information, please call the Respect Life Office at (719)866-6478. *To apply, please complete the form online or mail the form below to: Respect Life Office, Diocese of Colorado Springs, 228 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.*

Date of Application _____

Name of Organization _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Amount of Grant Requested _____

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Describe your organization and its mission.

Date Organization Established _____

Current Organizational Budget _____

List Current Board Members (Name, Address, Phone Number)

Is your nonprofit organization incorporated under Colorado law? ____yes ____no

What is your organization's tax status? _____

Which area of pro-life work does your project address?

____Education and Public Information

____Pastoral Care

____Public Policy

____Prayer and Worship

How do you plan to use this grant?

How does your organization support a consistent ethic of life?

Do you have any additional information to support your request?

Thank you.

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RESPECT LIFE GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read all the information below before applying for a Respect Life Grant. If you have questions or need more information, please call the Respect Life office at 719-866-6478.

Diocese of Colorado Springs Respect Life Grants are available to groups and organizations within the boundaries of the diocese that promote a consistent ethic of life. Funds may be used for pro-life work in any of the areas described below. A grant applicant is not required to be involved in *all* pro-life issues but must neither publicly challenge nor oppose life concerns that are not its own first priority.

Areas of Pro-Life Activity

- 1. Education and Public Information:** Pro-life work involves education that leads to a deeper respect for human life and public information that creates awareness of the threats to human life and human dignity inherent in abortion, research that destroys human embryos, euthanasia, assisted suicide, infanticide and capital punishment.
- 2. Pastoral Care:** Pro-life work involves outreach and services to pregnant women including prenatal & post-natal care, adoption & foster care services, counseling and spiritual assistance educational opportunities, compassionate understanding and support for victims of rape, abuse and violence, education in chastity and natural family planning; care for all who have been involved in an abortion; care for those who are disabled, sick, and dying, and their families and caregivers; care for those who have lost loved ones to violent crime; and care for those in prison sentenced to death.
- 3. Public Policy:** Pro-life work includes efforts to restore legal protection to unborn children, protect those vulnerable to pressure to end their lives by assisted suicide, supports legislation that promotes morally acceptable alternatives to abortion, supports legislation that promotes palliative care, supports efforts to end the death penalty, and efforts to restrict the practice of abortion, human cloning and research that destroys human embryos.
- 4. Prayer and Worship:** Pro-life work is directed to participation in the sacramental life of the Church and in programs of communal and individual prayer, so that the culture of death that surrounds us today will be replaced by a culture of life and love. Especially at the parish level, this work includes special care for those who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, or other cause. This work also brings those who seek to build a culture of life together at diocesan and national gatherings.