



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
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## Women's Giving Circle

### Women's Giving Circle Invitation-Only Grant Application

Thank you for accepting our invitation to apply for a grant from the Women's Giving Circle (WGC), an initiative of the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please respond clearly and concisely and adhere to the word limits below.

**Organization Name:** [Bishop Cosgrove Center, Catholic Charities](#)

**Address of Organization:** 1736 Superior Ave. E. Cleveland, OH 44114

### Organization Snapshot (75 words max)

*Briefly describe your organization's mission, whom you serve, and where you serve.*

Catholic Charities embodies the call of Jesus to care for those in need with individual and family services in the eight counties of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. We help and accompany people as they meet their basic needs and achieve self-sufficiency at Bishop Cosgrove Center and other community centers. We also strengthen families at our multi-generational family centers and in programs that support pregnant women, children and youth, people with disabilities, and seniors.

### Project Summary (100 words max)

*Describe the specific project or program for which you are requesting Women's Giving Circle support.*

Bishop Cosgrove Center provides breakfast and lunch daily to people experiencing poverty, homelessness and hunger. People come in for hot meals, and then they are able to access additional resources. Clients also experience accompaniment from staff, volunteers, and each other. Currently, our staff uses counters and cookware with decades of wear and tear to serve over 100,000 meals yearly. Our "make do crew" seeks a kitchen makeover for large-scale meal production. This includes the essentials for delivery to chopping, cooking, serving, to cleanup and storage. With your support, our staff will improve their workflow efficiency to deliver the nourishment for God's work in the city.

### **Community Need (100 words max)**

*What need does this project address, and why is it important at this time?*

In Cleveland 54% of people live in poverty, with 14.7% living in deep poverty, defined as less than 50% of the federal poverty line. Half of renters in Cleveland spend more than 30% of their income on rent, which can easily lead to homelessness. Food and housing prices also continue to rise, and public support is uncertain. In 2025, we served 127,646 meals to over 5,000 people. This project meets the practical needs of daily meal production and supports the staff who prepare and serve the meals.

### **Impact & Outcomes (100 words max)**

*What impact do you expect this project to have? Include one or two measurable outcomes*

With this grant, Bishop Cosgrove Center expects to more efficiently serve 125,000 hot meals to 5,500 people in 2026. We will serve breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday, and offer a special holiday meal at Easter. Clients also will find clothes and hygiene items at our Clothing Closet and get take-home meals from our food pantry. They will connect with community partners for essential resources, such as ID cards or housing assistance. Clients also will find encouragement and hope from our staff, volunteers and other clients.

### **Use of Women's Giving Circle Funds (75 words max)**

How will Women's Giving Circle funds be used?

Catholic Charities seeks \$17,000 for the cost of a kitchen makeover. Bishop Cosgrove Center will purchase larger items such as stainless-steel serving counters, work counters, a shelving rack with wheels, and a dolly. The request also includes a commercial size food processor and knives, block and sharpener. It includes commercial size pots, pans, mixing bowls, ladles and other utensils. It also includes the necessary tools for efficient cleanup and storage, such as a sprayer faucet and storage containers.

### **Alignment with Catholic Values (75 words max)**

*How does this project align with Catholic values or Catholic Social Teaching?*

In the spirit of our patron saint, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Bishop Cosgrove Center meets the immediate needs of the poor and homeless. Our clients have complex needs that require a true concern for the poor and hope in God's grace. The hot meals also respect the dignity of our clients and welcome them in to receive other needed services. This specific project also uplifts the staff who deliver the service and the dignity of their work.

### **Partnerships (50 words max, if applicable)**

*Briefly describe any project partnerships.*

Bishop Cosgrove Center partners with the social action ministry of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, whose volunteers maintain our Clothing Closet, and with volunteers from St. Ambrose in Brunswick, who bring us sandwiches weekly. We also partner with nearby shelters, and we provide space for NEOCH to offer housing assistance to our clients.

### **Funding Request:**

Amount Requested: \$17,000

Total Project Budget: \$21,650

Signature:



**Name:**

Dan Horrigan

**Title:**

Interim President & CEO

