

Purpose of Grant Program:

To provide financial assistance to Dominicans ministering with or serving Native/Indigenous People.

Who can apply?

A member of the Dominican Family in ministry with or serving Native/Indigenous People and has non-profit 501(c)3 status (proof may be requested).

Grant Guidelines & Criteria:

- 1. Affirms and promotes the self-determination and freedom of Native/Indigenous People to express their culture, language and religion.
- 2. Benefits a significant number of Native/Indigenous People either directly or indirectly.
- 3. Provides opportunities to collaborate in ministry with Native /Indigenous People and encourages hope in an area of need.
- 4. Serves a designated/identified, yet unmet need.
- 5. Demonstrates financial need for the project.
- 6. Applicant agrees to complete an accountability form, write a brief story (200-300 words) about the grant and provide photo/s (with photo release permission form/s) of the project and its connection to Native /Indigenous People. Stories to be shared with the Dominican family through the annual Las Casas newsletter. Accountability form, story, photos and photo release form/s (if applicable) are due annually on March 1st.
- 7. No new grant will be accepted until all requirements of a previous grant are completed.

Other pertinent facts:

- 1. Funds are granted annually, may be renewed and are to be used for the purpose requested. If it is anticipated that funds are not able to be used for the purpose requested they are to be promptly returned to Las Casas by March 1st.
- 2. Grant may be used to assist in temporary or special situations.
- 3. One application may be submitted per year per Dominican.
- 4. Application must be completed in its entirety with responses confined to the 4 pages provided. Spacing may be adjusted as needed.
- 5. Grant request not to exceed \$1000.
- 6. Due **March 1:** if previous grant received accountability form, story, photo/s, photo release form/s and new application. If no previous grant received: application. Late applications are not considered.
- 7. Ordinarily the Las Casas Grant Committee will notify grant recipients in May.