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CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING

A. CRITERIA

1. The project/organization must benefit a poverty group. Fifty percent of those benefiting from the project must be from the low-income community.

2. Members of the poverty group must have the dominant voice in any self-help project/organization. As a norm, 50% of those involved in the planning, implementing and policymaking (e.g., Board of Directors, etc.) of a project/organization should be persons who are involuntarily in the poverty group.

For projects/organizations, which do not presently meet the above criteria, applicants should document:

   a. WHY members of the poverty group do not have the dominant role in planning and implementing;

   b. HOW members of the poverty group were involved in determining project needs;

   c. WHAT time schedule is planned for assisting the poverty group in assuming leadership and control of this project.

3. No CCHD funds will be given to organizations that would utilize the money to fund other organizations.

4. The project/organization for which funding is requested must conform to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Successful applicants shall provide an attestation statement.

5. Funding will not be considered for projects/organizations that can be adequately funded by monies known to be available from the private or public sector unless applicants document that they are unable to obtain funds from other sources. However, proposals that call for "seed money" or "matching money" will be considered. In considering "seed money" or "matching money" from CCHD, applicants must present positive documentation that other public and/or private sources will, in fact, commit their share of monies for this project.

B. GUIDELINES – HIGH PRIORITY FOR FUNDING

1. Promising, innovative projects that demonstrate a change from traditional approaches to poverty by attacking the basic causes of poverty and by effecting institutional change.

2. Projects/organizations that directly benefit a larger number of people rather than a few individuals.

3. Projects/organizations that generate cooperation among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

4. Projects/organizations that demonstrate the possibility of generating funding from other sources or of becoming self-supporting.