

Indianapolis Deaneries Catholic Education Assessment

“6th bucket” Framework

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Background and History

In fiscal year 2017-2018, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis launched a new Indianapolis Deaneries Catholic Education Assessment. This new assessment replaced two previous assessments and resulted from a process that included much thought and discernment including gathering valuable input from all pastors of the affected parishes, all presidents of the impacted high schools and representatives of the NDAA (Notre Dame Ace Academies) staff. As a result of the implemented changes, a new, separate funding bucket has been established that will contain discretionary dollars to be awarded as need-based grants on an annual basis to support education-related ministries in our parishes and schools and/or address special needs that arise in a given fiscal year. This document lays out the Framework for that “6th bucket” of discretionary funding dollars.

Purpose of the Funding

Generally, the funding is available for three purposes:

- 1) Relieve short-term financial burdens in our parishes and schools – in the 3 year implementation phase of the new assessment, this financial burden could be due to the change in assessment itself.
- 2) Provide supplemental funding for new Catholic education-related initiatives in our parishes and schools
- 3) Grow and Strengthen Catholic education ministries in our parishes

Eligibility

All parishes and schools in the four Indianapolis Deaneries are eligible to apply for this funding

Amount of Funding Available

In year one of the new assessment implementation (FY 2017-2018), there will be \$100,000 available for funding. This fund may grow incrementally each year by up to \$100,000 based on an analysis of the Year 1 applications to the fund, other financial data points related to need within the Education Assessment, and other feedback. Future funding decisions will be recommended jointly by the Office of Catholic Schools and the Office of Finance and approved by the Archbishop of Indianapolis or his designee. **The Year 2 funding amount for FY 2018-2019 will be \$200,000.**

Timing

Official applications for the funding dollars will be due in the Archdiocesan offices on February 28th each year. Funding decisions will be made by the Funding Committee and approved by the Archbishop or his designee by March 31st each year.

Funding Committee

The funding committee will consist of members of the Archdiocesan Schools Commission, parish representatives and staff from the Office of Catholic Schools and Office of Finance.

How to Apply

Complete the application included with this Framework document available on the Archindy.org website under Finance Office and Grant Opportunities and forward the application and requested financial information to Stacy Harris at sharris@archindy.org.