



Types of Assistance and Grants

Mission Statement

This Society shall be an organization primarily dedicated to child welfare. Its motive and spirit shall be a love of Christ expressing itself in personal service for children and youth regardless of race or creed to honor the Childhood of Christ. It shall be a non-profit organization.

The Christ Child Service Projects mission emphasizes support for the individual needs of children. Grant requests should fall within the scope of this mission and be very specific about the specific need and how children benefit. The application may include stories and testimonials (anonymous) to help the Allocation Committee determine the greatest needs and to educate the CCS membership about the needs we meet, motivating members' support. A successful grant maximizes benefits to the school's children.

The primary funding opportunities through which CCS can assist your school:

- **Grants to benefit individual children:**

Graduation fees and clothes, uniforms, First Communion fees and clothes, shoes, hot lunch, registration fees, emergency kit fees, sports fees, book fees, retreat fees. These needs are funded through the fall and spring grant cycles. The amounts awarded to each school may vary based on the Allocation Committee's assessment of each grant application's demonstration of needs consistent with CCS funding priorities, outlined above. The school profile information is also considered in the grant decision.

- **Emergency support:**

Emergency needs of individual children will be considered to the extent CCS funds are available. These requests should be for items that cannot be funded from other sources. Eyeglasses and introductory mental health services are two examples of emergency funds granted last year.

- **Fund-a-Project**

A source of special funding is the Fund-a-Project program. In past years, Christ Child has selected a single project to be funded by a collection at Christ Child's annual fundraising event. Prior projects include desks, religion textbooks, musical instruments, playground equipment and other major purchases that may be outside the scope of the grant program. If you have a suggestion for a project for your school, please discuss it with me.

As your Christ Child Society parish representative, I am here to respond to children's needs.