

Empowerment Fund Guidelines:

- To address both sides of the poverty issue, the request must empower the recipient(s) to break the cycle of poverty and oppression in order to regain control of their life, OR, educate and raise awareness on the devastation of poverty, and our opportunity and obligation to be agents of change.
- Must lie outside the current Special Collections of IHM.
- Will generally be made to small groups without broad-based financial support, except in cases of disaster relief through agencies such as Catholic Relief.
- Will include local, national, and global needs.
- Can include a mission grant for groups or individuals with exhibited need who are involved in outreach work projects.
- Excludes major capital improvements, but minor improvements to empower organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Scholarships will be awarded to a school's general scholarship fund, not to individual students.
- Upholds the commitment to seek grant requests from members of the Parish.
- Recipients must use the funds in accordance with Catholic principles.