

Saint John's Cathedral Grants Committee 2019 Annual Report

In 2019 the Vestry charged Faith in Action and the Grants Committee to give 5% of plate and pledge revenues to serve the community outside our doors, authorizing the Grants Committee to make grants totaling \$88,427. The Committee received 35 proposals from charitable organizations in Denver and around the globe (totaling more than \$300,000).

The Committee spent the fall reviewing and discussing the proposals and how they align with the mission, ministry, and core values of the Cathedral as well as the priorities set by the Faith in Action Commission: mental health, homelessness and housing, hunger, refugees and immigrants. After careful, prayerful consideration, the Committee awarded the following grants:

Bayaud Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 7,500	Mobile shower truck for the homeless
Harm Reduction Action Center	\$10,000	Day shelter & education for the addicted
Hope Communities	\$ 5,000	Case management for refugee families
Metro Caring	\$ 7,500	Spanish-language nutrition education
Network Coffee House	\$ 9,227	General operating/street chaplaincy
Open Up	\$ 3,000	Shared affordable housing
Our Merciful Savior Episcopal Church	\$ 3,500	Latino community immigrant outreach
Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network	\$10,000	Pro bono legal work for refugees & immigrants
St. Benedict Health & Healing	\$ 5,000	General operating; free health clinic
St. Clare's Ministries	\$ 4,800	Tuesday night dinners for food insecure
St. Francis Center	\$ 5,000	Emergency services; mental health counseling
The Center on Colfax	\$ 2,900	LGBTQ refugee & immigrants outreach
The Delores Project	\$ 5,000	Homeless women & transgender individuals

Thirty six percent of the funds awarded went to 5 programs working with immigrants and refugees, 39% went to 6 programs addressing homelessness, 17% went to 2 programs focused on mental health, and 25% went to 3 programs addressing food insecurity. The percentages total to more than 100% because several agencies provide services and referrals in more than one area. Many of the organizations have longstanding relationships with Saint John's and members of the congregation. Over the coming months, we hope to deepen existing relationships and develop new relationships with the grantees.

It is a gift to serve on the Committee; we hope that we have well-represented the values of the Cathedral and the congregation in our choices.

The 2019 Grants Committee:

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