

## **Appalachian Mission Assistance Program (AMAP) Funding Criteria**

AMAP funds come from the Diocesan Annual Appeal, USCCB Catholic Committee on Home Missions, Catholic Extension Society and the Mission Co-op network (Society for the Propagation of the Faith). Home Mission and Extension Funds may only be used to fund specific parish programs. The other funds are unrestricted in the sense that they may be allocated to programs and services within the diocese.

Donors are advised that funds sustain, nurture and support ministries in the diocese which evangelize, catechize and/or provide assistance to low-income individuals and families. The Mission Board, which reviews all AMAP requests and makes funding recommendations to the Finance Council and Bishop Gainer, honors this restriction when making funding decisions.

Mission Board members realize that parishes and programs can come to depend upon this funding for operations. However recipients are advised that this resource is variable and, with the exception of Home Mission and Extension funds, is never guaranteed. In an effort to make sure that funds are spent wisely to promote the mission and values of the Diocese, the board has established the following criteria to be used when evaluating applications.

As a general rule, proposals for capital projects will not be considered.

When prioritizing applicants for funding, the following ranking will be used:

1. Mountain missions/parishes which are not self-supporting and have limited access to resources
2. Parishes with membership fewer than 100 families
3. School Tuition Assistance Programs
4. Outreach ministries which are physically located within diocesan boundaries
5. Other requests

Other factors which will be considered, include, but are not limited to:

1. Parish participation in the Diocesan Annual Appeal
2. Fundraising efforts made by the organization/school/parish
3. Organizational savings

Within the priorities listed above, proposals which align with diocesan strategic priorities will be given highest priority.

A maximum funding cap of \$40,000 has been established.