

# Victory Noll Sisters Grant Program, Fall Round

## *Catholic Climate Covenant*

Due: Nov. 4, 2024

For questions, contact: [info@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:info@catholicclimatecovenant.org)

To avoid an accelerating climate crisis, the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) [indicates](#) that the world must cut greenhouse gas emissions in half from 2019 levels by 2030 and reach [net zero carbon](#) by mid-century at the latest. The Diocese of Lexington, KY, has [committed](#) all its buildings to reach net zero by 2030.

Achieving these goals means going beyond isolated projects like lighting retrofits. It means developing a larger-scale, comprehensive, institutional plan. To do this, an organization must first conduct a baseline assessment of all its current emissions and identify all possible reduction strategies (conservation, renewables, etc.) to reach net zero by a target date.

Through the generosity of the Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (Victory Noll Sisters), this grant of up to \$20,000 will be awarded to a U.S. Catholic diocese, community, or organization in support of comprehensive institutional net zero assessment and strategy. Funds may be used to reimburse an existing institutional net zero assessment/strategy initiative or to finance a new one.

Please see the checklist at the end of these questions to see if you are a good applicant for this grant. If so, please answer all of the following questions and provide all of the requested information in a separate document, and email along with any images or visual aids to [info@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:info@catholicclimatecovenant.org) by Nov. 4, 2024.

## **Organizational Information**

Organization Name:

Contact Person:

Phone Number of Contact Person:

Email of Contact Person:

Address:

Website:

EIN:

Amount Requested:

## **Mission**

What is your organization's mission statement?

## **Project Details**

**Project Title:**

**Project Summary:**

- Provide a brief summary of your project (200 words)
- Is this an existing institutional net zero assessment/strategy initiative, or a new one?
  - i. If existing, please list all hired contractors:
  - ii. If new, please list potential contractors your organization may hire:

**Project Goals and Objectives** (max. 600 words):

- What are the specific goals and objectives of your project?
- How do these goals and objectives pursue the science-based decarbonization target of net zero emissions?

**Implementation Plan** (max. 600 words):

- Describe the steps you will take to implement this project.
- Include a timeline of key activities and milestones.

## **Community Engagement** (max. 700 words):

- How will your project engage, involve, and educate the local community?
- How will you uplift Catholic Social Teaching through this process?
- Describe any partnerships with parishes, schools, or other Catholic organizations.

## **Budget and Funding**

### **Budget Overview:**

- In a spreadsheet or PDF, provide a detailed budget for your project, including all anticipated expenses and funding sources. Include notes as needed.

### **Funding Request** (max. 200 words):

- Explain how Victory Noll Sisters grant funds will be used to advance this project.

## **Additional Information**

### **Previous Experience** (max. 200 words):

- Have you implemented similar projects in the past? If so, please describe your experience and any relevant outcomes. If not, what are your plans for securing expertise?

### **Challenges and Risks** (max. 300 words):

- Identify potential challenges and risks associated with your project and how you plan to address them.

### **Sustainability and Scalability** (max. 600 words):

- How will your project be sustained after the grant period ends?
- Is there potential for your project to be scaled or replicated in other areas?

*Thank you for applying to the Victory Noll Sisters Grant, a Catholic Climate Covenant Program.*

*We will contact you if we have questions. If you have any questions, please email us at [info@catholicclimatecovenant.org](mailto:info@catholicclimatecovenant.org).*

# Victory Noll Sisters Net Zero Initiative Grant Application Checklist

## 1. Organizational Eligibility

- Is your organization a U.S. Catholic diocese, community, or organization?
- Is your organization committed to addressing climate change and achieving net zero carbon emissions?

## 2. Project Alignment with Grant Objectives

- Does your project focus on a comprehensive, institutional-level net zero emissions assessment and strategy?
- Have you or will you conduct a baseline assessment of all current emissions for your organization?
- Does your project include a plan to identify all possible reduction strategies (conservation, renewables, etc.)?
- Does your project aim to achieve net zero by a specific target date?

## 3. Financial Considerations

- Can your organization clearly demonstrate how up to \$20,000 will significantly advance your net zero initiative?
- Do you have or can you create a detailed budget that outlines all anticipated expenses and funding sources?

## 4. Project Planning and Implementation

- Does your project have clearly defined goals, objectives, and a timeline for implementation?
- Are you ready to engage contractors (existing or potential) for your project?
- Can your organization provide a timeline of key activities and milestones for the project?

## 5. Community Engagement and Partnerships

- Will your project engage, involve, and educate the local community?
- Does your project integrate Catholic Social Teaching principles?
- Have you established or will you establish partnerships with parishes, schools, or other Catholic organizations?

## 6. Previous Experience and Risk Management

- Does your organization have previous experience with similar sustainability projects?
- Have you identified potential challenges and risks, and do you have plans to address them?

## 7. Sustainability and Scalability

- Does your project have a sustainability plan for post-grant implementation?
- Is there potential for your project to be scaled or replicated in other areas?

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**If you can affirmatively answer most of these questions and meet the criteria, your organization is likely a strong applicant for the Victory Noll Sisters Grant for net zero initiatives.**