

## **Grants to Faith-based Organizations**

Grants from donor-advised funds at **Albuquerque Community Foundation** are distributed according to their individual fund agreements, with recommendations from donor-advisors, and final approval by the ACF Board of Trustees. Many of these funds do award grants for religious purposes. We do not accept proposals for donor-advised funds.

However, grants from the Competitive Grant Program are **NOT** made for religious purposes but **ARE** often made to faith-based organizations for the non-religious programs offered to the broader community.

Below are some general guidelines to assist your agency in determining its eligibility to receive a grant through the Competitive Grant Program.

### **Characteristics of eligible programs:**

- may be located in a house of worship;
- may use the same room, but not at the same time for religious and non-religious programs
- religious programs are separated from non-religious programs
- are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation
- abstain from religious worship, instruction, or proselytization (recruitment)
- eliminate required statements of belief from participants

### **Descriptions of previously funded programs include:**

- food pantry operated out of a church
- shelters and transitional housing
- ESL classes
- classical music series
- drug and alcohol counseling services
- educational health workshops

### **Attachment Notes**

- letter from the Attorney General may be a **letter of exemption** or a letter verifying receipt of annual report letter.