



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q. What is the CCUSA Innovation Challenge?**

The purpose of the CCUSA Innovation Challenge (Challenge) is to encourage member agencies to develop and implement innovative solutions that have the potential to alleviate, reduce or eliminate poverty.

The Challenge celebrates the long history of innovative, transformative poverty programs within the Catholic Charities ministry and encourages precedent-setting initiatives.

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**Q. Where can information about the Challenge be found?**

[www.CCUSAInnovates.org](http://www.CCUSAInnovates.org)

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**Q. Who can apply for the Challenge?**

Catholic Charities member agencies, a community partnership with a Catholic Charities member agency as the lead, or a partnership of two or more Catholic Charities member agencies.

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**Q. What type of proposal will be considered?**

Submissions must further CCUSA's commitment to alleviate, reduce and prevent poverty as detailed in the Challenge submission packet (download at [www.CCUSAInnovates.org](http://www.CCUSAInnovates.org).) Innovative ideas address a specific area of poverty and must be achievable, measurable, replicable, sustainable and scalable.

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**Q. How many proposals can an agency submit?**

Only one Challenge submission per member agency will be accepted.

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**Q. What is the prize?**

There will be **three (3) groups** (small, medium, large) as stated in the guidelines.

One agency's proposal from each group will receive a **prize of \$333,333** to be used to capitalize the initiative. By submitting a proposal, agencies acknowledge and agree that if the proposal is selected, 100% of the award must be used for the initiative described in the proposal.

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**Q. What are the important dates/deadlines?**

- January 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm ET: The deadline for submission of the completed application.
  - February 1 - March 29, 2020: Judges will review and score entries. Select finalists.
  - Spring Gathering, March 30-April 1, 2020:
    - 3 finalist agencies from each of three groups will be notified during the Spring Gathering.
  - CCUSA Annual Gathering, October 2020, Cleveland, Ohio
    - Those funded will be announced on final day of CCUSA Annual Gathering.
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**Additional questions?**

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