

**Submission Deadline:** The completed application, including all attachments, must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, January 31, 2020 \*Please note: Only one submission per Member Agency will be accepted. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

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**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the applicant must be a Catholic Charities member agency, a community partnership in which a Catholic Charities member agency is the lead or a partnership of two or more Catholic Charities member agencies.

**Evaluation of Applications:**

- Applications will be scored by an independent panel of judges, as follows:

Identified Need - 15%	Measurability - 20%
Innovation - 25%	Replicability - 20%
Potential Impact/Scalability- 20%	
- A total of nine (9) finalists will be chosen, to include three from each group (small, medium, large) as determined by the FTE count of the submitting member agency. Small agencies - 50 or fewer FTEs. Medium agencies - 50 to 170 FTEs. Large agencies - 170 or more FTEs. (If 2 or more agencies submit, the FTEs of the largest agency will determine the group.)

**Finalists to be announced:** During 2020 Spring Gathering (March 30-April 1)

**Awardees announced:** During CCUSA Annual Gathering, October 27-30, 2020, Cleveland, OH

**Submission Process:** Applications must be submitted via the online portal that can be found at [CCUSAIinnovates.org](http://CCUSAIinnovates.org)

**Evaluation of Finalists:**

The nine (9) finalists will be evaluated as follows:

Video Pitch (Judges' Rating) - 10%

Live Pitch to judges and audience - (2020 Annual Gathering)

+ Audience support - 30%

(Online voting to take place after the Live Pitch via the Event App)

+ Judges' Rating - 60%

**Prizes:** Each group will have one awardee, receiving a prize of \$333,333 to be used to capitalize the project, and 100% of the award must be used for the initiative described in the proposal.