

Every year, St. Michael's allocates 10% of our pledged income to Outreach. We also are blest to receive donations from individual members to the Outreach fund. On behalf of our membership, the Outreach Committee reviews submitted grants and, twice a year, decides how to allocate these funds.

In April, the Outreach Grant Committee met to allocate funds for the first half of 2024. Consistent with past years, the amount of funds requested far exceeded our budget of \$62,000. With that in mind, we decided to focus on organizations:

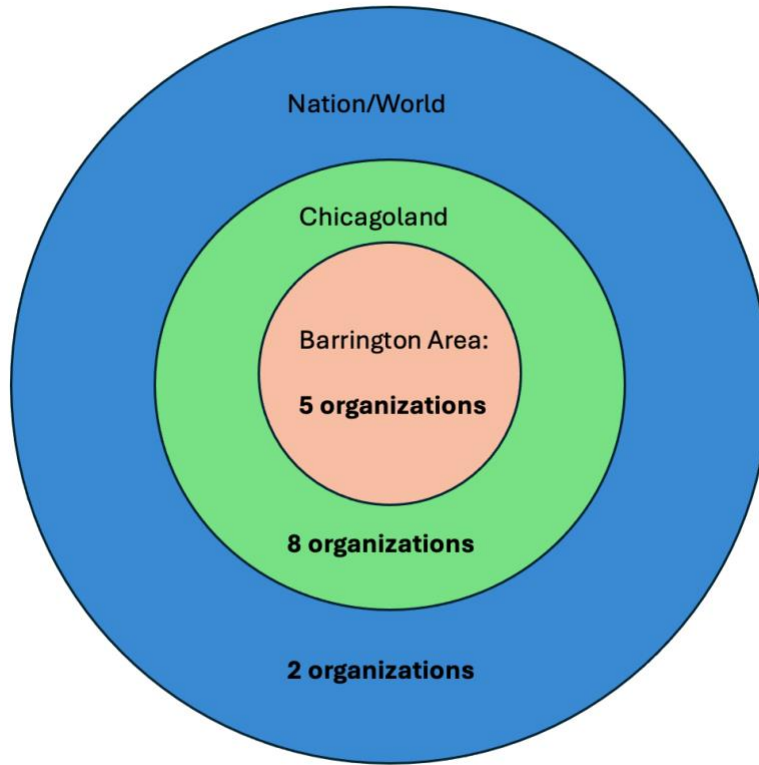
- That provide food & shelter to those in need
- Where our grant will make a significant impact on the organization
- That have participation or leadership from our parish members.

Using those criteria, we made the difficult decision to deny grants to five organizations.

Of the remaining organizations, we allocated \$32,997 to 15 organizations, as well as some money to Father Jesse's discretionary funds.



Spring Allocations based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



Allocations based on location

Here is a list of grants recommended by the committee and approved by the Vestry in April:

Red = Basic Needs Orange = Safety Needs Green = Belonging

Discretionary Funds for Priest (10%)	3098
Barr. Area Council Aging (Meals with Wheels)	1750
Barrington Giving Day	1000
Barr. Youth Services	1000
Bishop Anderson House	1500
Chalice House	2500

Cumali	1750
Food for Greater Elgin	2500
Porch de Salomon	2000
Ravenswood Community Services	2500
Rebuilding Together	6000
Redeemer-Family in Crisis (Elgin)	750
South Sudan & Sudan Renk Diocese (Micro Loans)	1500
St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Pantry	1600
St. Leonard's House / Grace House Combined	2000
Assume 5% Emergency Fund	1549
Total	32,997

If you would like to learn more about the Outreach Committee and the Granting process, please visit these pages on St. Michael's website:

[Outreach Mission & Goals](#)

[Grant Allocation Committee & Process](#)