

## Matching Dollars

### Matching Funds

#### Raise \$500 to \$1,000

- Receive dollar for dollar up to \$1,000.
- Minimum match is \$500.

#### Raise \$1,000+

- Receive \$1,000, then 50 cents for each dollar over \$1,000.
- Maximum match is \$1,500.

### Emergency Matching Funds

When a court completes its annual Matching Funds project and an extraordinary need or emergency arises, an Emergency Matching Funds event may be approved. This special program may be used for disaster relief, major medical expenses, or other emergency situations.

- Maximum match for Emergency Matching Funds is \$1,500.

## Events and Beneficiary Ideas

### Fundraising Events

- Auctions
- Bake sales
- Breakfasts
- Car washes
- Christmas wreath and ornament sales
- Concession stands
- Craft booths
- Dance Marathon
- Dinners
- Flea markets
- Garage sale
- Holiday house walks
- Penny collections
- Plant sale
- Raffles
- Recipe book sale
- Walk-a-Thons
- 5k race

### Fundraising Beneficiaries

- Abused children
- Catholic churches and schools
- Disaster victims
- Food pantries
- Habitat for Humanity
- Homeless shelters
- Hospice
- Hospitals
- Major medical expenses
- Meals on Wheels
- Religious committees
- Park equipment
- Volunteer fire departments
- Wheelchair ramps



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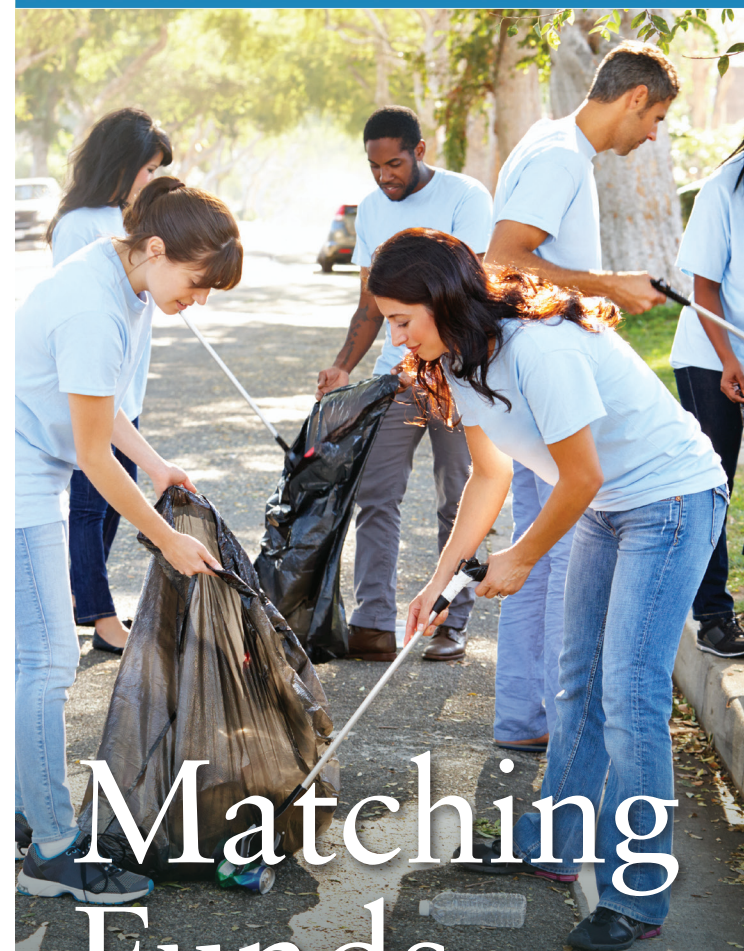
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# Matching Funds Program

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## Program Guidelines

All information is available online! A local court may hold one Matching Funds event during a calendar year. The fundraiser must be completed during the year the request is approved. See "Emergency Matching Funds" section for more details.

Assume total responsibility for the fundraiser. *Matching Funds will not be approved for an event sponsored by another group, parish, or court; for a community-wide fundraiser; or to supplement a local court treasury. Funds may not be used for salaries, bonuses or trips.*

1. Local court officers and members **establish a fundraising need** and approve the event at a court meeting. The event should be designed to cover the entire cost/meet the fundraising need completely or, for example, fund the purchase of new carpeting during a church renovation.
2. **Apply for approval** by completing the Matching Funds Application (FA-175). If the fundraiser is benefitting an individual or family, complete the Matching Funds Acknowledgment (175-A). Send these forms to the Home Office at least one month prior to the fundraiser. *Approval will not be granted unless all local court reports are compliant with the Home Office.*
3. Once the event is approved, **open a Matching Funds checking or savings account** at a local bank, in the local court's name and number.

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4. Following the fundraiser, deposit all funds. **Write a check to the recipient** for the net amount.
5. **Request Matching Funds** by returning the endorsed and approved event application. Include copies of recipient's check and bank statement (showing deposits and withdrawals). *Matching Funds are not issued without these copies.*
6. **Email photos and video footage** to [editor@catholicforester.org](mailto:editor@catholicforester.org). Please include the court name and number, recipient of the funds, amount raised, event held, and the names of the people in the photos.



# Matching Funds Program

**Local courts have the potential to earn and donate funds to people and organizations in need.**

## Goals

- Create a caring image and strengthen local fraternalism.
- Support fundraising programs that help families and neighbors in need, and Catholic parishes and schools.
- Offer opportunities to work together on benevolent causes.
- Provide leadership roles that foster personal growth and development.