



## ACOR Grant Program Overview FY18

Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) grants provide short-term support to local community projects that are in keeping with the mission, vision, and direction of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. ACOR grants are unique among Allegany Franciscan Ministries' grant programs in that they do not have a geographic restriction. Rather, they require a direct affiliation with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, Franciscan Sisters of Allegany Associates or Trinity Health.

### Guidelines and Priority Criteria

- Priority will be given to organizations for projects that meet most or all of the following criteria:
  - improve the health, wellness and quality of life through a holistic approach to education or direct service;
  - promote self-sufficiency or bring about systemic change;
  - benefit people who are part of a disenfranchised segment of society, whether it be on the basis of nationality, race, class, or any other factor;
  - strive to incorporate the viewpoint of individuals who are direct recipients of services;
  - focus on the concerns of the poor and marginalized and the equality of women;
  - affiliated with Franciscan Sisters of Allegany or Franciscan Sisters of Allegany Associates
- Grant periods are generally for one year or less.
- ACOR Grants may be requested for up to \$15,000.

### Eligibility

- Organizations must have a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service confirming exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Organizations must be willing and able to comply with all requirements of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Grant Agreement. (View a sample agreement on the Grant Programs/Review page of our website).
- Organization must be current with their progress reports and any previous ACOR Grants.
- Projects must be affiliated with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany or Franciscan Sisters of Allegany Associates (i.e., where the FSA members/associates are present as sponsor, trustee, staff or volunteer) or have a direct affiliation with a ministry of Trinity Health.
- Project must comply with Catholic social teaching.
- Project must align with Allegany Franciscan Ministries' mission and core values.

### Limitations

- No organization may receive more than one ACOR grant per year.
- Only one application may be submitted for an organization per cycle.
- Organizations with an active (current) ACOR grant may not apply until the active grant is completed.
- ACOR funds are not available for individuals, public agencies, fundraising events, or endowments.
- Grant funding requests may include personnel costs in the grant budget, please do not request the full amount of a grant in personnel. Funds are not intended to be used entirely for an individual salary

### Application Process and Timeline

- The online grant application process may be accessed via our web site, [www.afmfl.org](http://www.afmfl.org)
- Applications may be submitted at any time, and will be reviewed in two cycles. The deadlines and announcements are:
  - **October 2, 2017, 12 pm (noon). Announcement December 2017.**
  - **April 2, 2018, 12 pm (noon). Announcement June 2017.**
- We will confirm receipt by e-mail.

- If a prior application from the organization has been declined, it is strongly recommended you speak with us before submitting another request (see contact information below).

Example of the types of projects that may be funded by ACOR Grants include but are not limited to:

- Basic needs (food, clothing, etc.)
- Health education
- Employment skills
- Social justice advocacy
- Literacy
- Franciscan spirituality

Descriptions of recently awarded grants may be found on the [Grant Awarded](#) page of our website.

[Still have questions about ACOR Grants? Please contact:](#)

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## **Allegany Franciscan Ministries**

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

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is a nonprofit Catholic organization focused on improving the overall health status of individuals through increasing access to health services and information. Guided by the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, and a member of Trinity Health, Allegany Franciscan Ministries provides grants to nonprofit organizations in three regions of Florida: Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, and the Tampa Bay area of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. Allegany Franciscan Ministries strives to be a catalyst for systemic change, committing resources and working collaboratively to promote physical, mental, spiritual, societal and cultural health and well-being in these communities.