



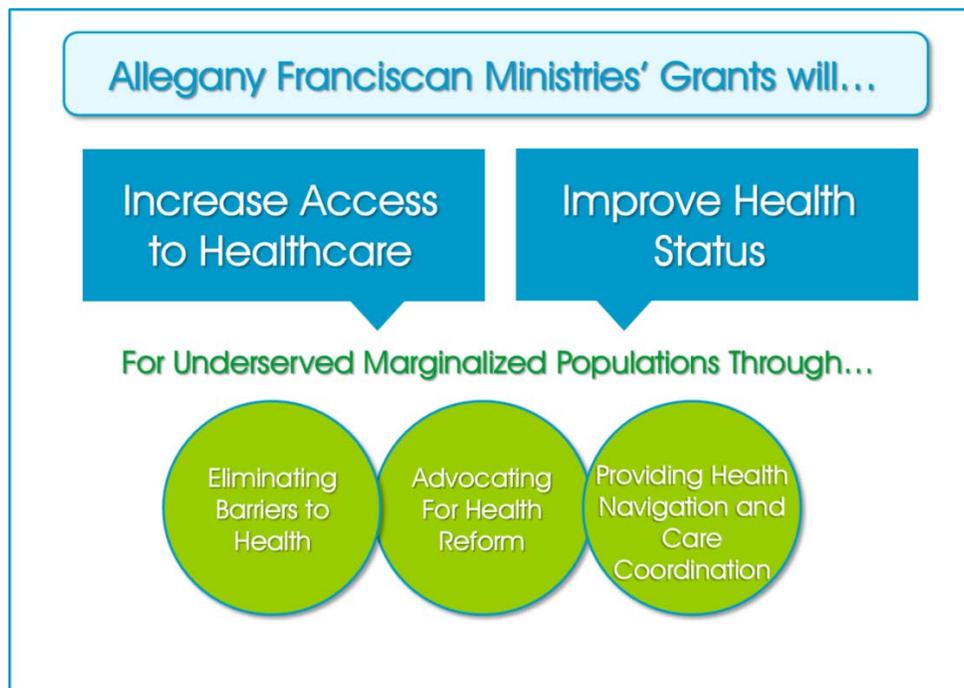
Major and Tau Grant Program Overview – 2017

Our mission:

We, Allegany Franciscan Ministries and Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is a nonprofit Catholic organization, guided by this mission and rooted in the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries' 2017 grants will fund organizations, programs or initiatives that are strategically aligned with our mission and focus. **Allegany Franciscan Ministries intends to award Major and Tau grants to: Increase access to health services and improve the overall health status of underserved communities.** Grants will support organizations that positively impact the health of individuals, families, and communities, and improve access to health services and information for marginalized, vulnerable, underserved or economically disadvantaged residents in six Florida counties.



Eligibility

To be considered for funding, the organization must meet the following basic requirements:

- Have received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service confirming its exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Serve residents of one or more of the following counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade.
- Be willing and able to comply with all requirements of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Grant Agreement. (See a sample agreement on the Grant Programs/Review page of our website).
- Be “in good standing” with Allegany Franciscan Ministries (for organizations that have received one or more grants from Allegany Franciscan Ministries).

- Preference will be given to community-based organizations with budgets of less than \$1 million for Tau Grants.
- Major Grant applicants must have an annual, independent audit for the most recent fiscal year and for each year of the grant term.
- The project must align with Catholic social teaching.

Limitations While we do believe in the good works all local nonprofits are doing in our region we must have certain restrictions, please see our [FAQs](#) for more information

- Organizations with an operating budget of \$5 million and over are not eligible for Tau Grants (this includes hospitals and universities).
- Grant funding is not available for individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, van/automobiles, etc.), fundraising events, or endowments.
- Only one application may be submitted for an organization per cycle.
- An organization may not have more than one active Tau Grant in each Allegany Franciscan Ministries region.
- Organizations are discouraged from applying for a Tau Grant within one year of receiving a prior Tau Grant, and from applying for the same project multiple times. The Tau Grant is not intended to provide ongoing, sustaining funding for a project or an organization and will not necessarily be renewed annually.
- 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.
- Allegany Franciscan Ministries does not provide funding for afterschool, out-of-school and mentoring programs; typically projects focusing on specific diseases will not be funded.
- Allegany Franciscan Ministries does not provide funding for direct services such as mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment or physical therapy, or for halfway houses and similar residential programs.
- Grant funding cannot be used for expenses incurred before finalizing the Grant Agreement.

Tau Grant Guidelines (All six counties served by Allegany Franciscan Ministries)

Allergy Franciscan Ministries offers Tau Grants for small and mid-sized nonprofits with organizational or program needs that are limited in scope. Tau Grants are intended to support services that assist persons who are marginalized, economically poor, or have limited access to healthcare and health information. Funding requests should focus on:

- Projects that are intended to support capacity building and basic needs are encouraged.
- Projects that are innovative and creative are welcomed, as are those with evidence-based designs.
- Grant periods are generally for one year or less.
- May be requested for up to \$10,000.

Application Process

- The online application process may be accessed via our website.
- Be sure to choose the application that corresponds with the region you are located in : Palm Beach Region (Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties), Miami-Dade Region and Tampa Bay Region (Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties)
- 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).
- Applications may be submitted at any time, and will be reviewed in two cycles. The deadlines and announcements are as follows:
 - **October 13, 2016, 12 pm (noon). Announcement February 2017.**
 - **April 13, 2017, 12 pm (noon). Announcement July 2017.**
- Receipt of the application will be confirmed by e-mail.

Major Grant Guidelines

Allegany Franciscan Ministries defines health from a broad perspective that includes physical, social, mental, spiritual, environmental and cultural health for individuals and communities.

Successful applications will:

- Demonstrate an ability to address documented unmet health needs in the community
- Effectively utilize community and neighborhood assets and resources
- Involve those served in various ways, including decision-making
- Produce measurable results and on-going community impact
- Promote the dignity of the person

For each of the three regions we anticipate funding up to 4 grants ranging between \$50,000 to \$200,000 for one to two years.

Application Process and Timeline

- We utilize an online grant application process; access the application via our website.
- The Major Grant application process involves two distinct competitive phases.
- We will confirm receipt by e-mail.

	Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Pinellas, Palm Beach, Martin & St. Lucie Counties	Notes
LOI Due	October 6, 2016	Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon).
Notification of our decision; decline or invite to submit full application	Week of December 5, 2016	We will e-mail and send a letter to you.
Major Grant Full Application Technical Assistance Webinar	Week of January 9, 2017	For those selected to submit a full application; please hold date (date subject to change).
Deadline to submit full application	March 2, 2017	Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon).
Site Visits & Meetings	Late April & Early May 2017	
Decisions Announced	July 2017	We will work with applicants, after decisions are finalized, on budgets & success measures.
Grant Period Begins	August 2017	

Descriptions of recently awarded Major & Tau grants may be found on the [Grant Programs](#) page of our website. [Questions about Grants?](#) First view [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and then contact Jessica Gonzalez, Program Officer, jgonzalez@afmfl.org, 727-507-9668 ext. 204 with additional questions.