



Tau Grant Overview

FY18 Cycle 1 Focus: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

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' FY 2018 grants will fund organizations, programs or initiatives that are aligned with our mission and strategies to increase access to health services and improve the overall health status of underserved communities.

In FY18, Allegany Franciscan Ministries intends to award Tau Grants to organizations that:



Allegany Franciscan Ministries offers Tau Grants for smaller 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.

This year the first cycle of Tau Grants will support Organizational Capacity Building. Grant applications should show how the organization aligns with Allegany Franciscan Ministries' mission and strategies. Requests up to \$10,000 will be considered.

For the purposes of this Tau Grant application process, capacity building is defined as intentional, mission-driven efforts aimed at strengthening the operations, management and governance of nonprofits to improve their performance and impact. Successful applications **could** focus on (but are not limited to):

- **Strategic Planning/Succession Planning/ Fund development strategy**
- **Board Development/Staff Development**
- **One time purchase of technology upgrades and/or training on new technology**
- **Website redesign**
- **Financial Audits**
- **Social Enterprise Development and Planning**

Eligibility

To be considered for funding, the project must align with Catholic social teaching, and 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 "in good standing" with Allegany Franciscan Ministries (for organizations that have received one or more grants from Allegany Franciscan Ministries).
- 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).

Limitations Please see our FAQs for more information.

Organizational Limitations - Tau Grants	Project Limitations - Tau Grants
Organizations with an operating budget of \$2 million and over are not eligible (this includes hospitals and universities).	Requests may include personnel but may not be used entirely for salary.
Organizations are discouraged from applying for a Tau Grant within one year of receiving a prior Tau Grant.	Afterschool, out-of-school and mentoring programs are not eligible; typically projects focusing on specific diseases will not be funded.
Not available for individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, van/automobiles, etc.), fundraising events, or endowments.	Not intended to provide ongoing, sustaining funding for a project or an organization and will not necessarily be renewed annually.
An organization may not have more than one active Tau Grant in each Allegany Franciscan Ministries region and only one application may be submitted for an organization per cycle.	Not available for direct services such as mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment or physical therapy, or for halfway houses and similar residential programs.

Application Process

- The online application process may be accessed via our website (www.afmfl.org).
- Be sure to choose the application that corresponds with the region the organization serves: 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, we strongly recommend you speak with us before submitting another request (see contact information below).
- The deadline for the first cycle and announcements are as follows:
 - **Deadline: October 12, 2017, 12 pm (noon)**
 - **Announcement: December 20, 2017**
- Receipt of the application will be confirmed by e-mail.
- Questions about Tau Grants? First view Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and then contact Brittney Frazier, bfrazier@afmfl.org, 727-507-9668 with additional questions.