

Major Grant Overview – FY18

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' FY18 grants will fund organizations, programs or initiatives that are strategically aligned with its mission and focus. **Allegany Franciscan Ministries intends to award Major 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.



We anticipate providing up to twelve grants ranging between \$50,000 and \$200,000 across the three regions we serve. The grant period will be one to two years.

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. This year there is a single Major Grant process, with two separate applications: 1) General Operating Support, and 2) Programmatic Support. Prospective grant partners should complete one application, choosing the one that best fits their need.

General Operating Support: These grants will support the organization's overall mission and goals rather than specific projects or programs. These core support funds should help strengthen the organization or further its charitable purposes.

Programmatic Support: These grants will provide funding for specific projects and activities that the organization plans to undertake, to result in an increase in access to health services, or an improvement in the health status of those served. Projects may focus on eliminating barriers to health, advocating for health reform or systems change, or providing health navigation and care coordination.

In addition to addressing the strategies identified above, 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.

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, Miami-Dade.
- Be willing and able to comply with all requirements of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Grant Agreement (See a sample agreement on Allegany's website).
- The project must align with Catholic social teaching.
- Be "in good standing" with Allegany Franciscan Ministries (for organizations that have received one or more grants from Allegany Franciscan Ministries).
- Major Grant applicants must have an annual, independent audit for the most recent fiscal year and for each year of the grant term.

Limitations Please see Allegany's FAQs for more information.

- Only one Major Grant application may be submitted for an organization per cycle. Only one application may be submitted, for Programmatic Support or General Operating Support (not both).
- Funding is not available for
 - individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, van/automobiles, etc.), fundraising events, or endowments;
 - afterschool, out-of-school and mentoring programs;
 - direct services such as mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment or physical therapy, or for halfway houses and similar residential programs.

Application Process and Timeline

The Major Grant application process involves two distinct competitive phases, a Letter of Intent (LOI) and a full application upon invitation. Allegany utilizes an online grant application process; access the application via the website www.afmfl.org.

| | Timeline | Notes |
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| LOI Due | November 16, 2017 | Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon). |
| Notification of our decision; decline or invite to submit full application | Week of January 1, 2018 | E-mail notification, followed by a letter. |
| Major Grant Full Application Technical Assistance Webinar | Week of January 8, 2018 | For those selected to submit a full application; date will be provided. |
| Deadline to submit full application | February 22, 2018 | Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon). |
| Site Visits & Meetings | April & May 2018 | |
| Decisions Announced | By June 29, 2018 | Allegany will work with partners, after final decisions, on budgets and outcomes. |
| Grant Period Begins | July or August 2018 | |

Descriptions of recently awarded grants may be found on the [Grant Programs](#) page of Allegany's website.

Questions about Grants? First view [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and then contact one of the following leaders with additional questions.

- Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie Counties: Upendo Shabazz, ushabazz@afmfl.org, 561-802-9013
- Hillsborough, Pinellas County: Cheri Wright-Jones, cwrightjones@afmfl.org, 813-685-3232
- Miami-Dade County: Daniel Gibson, dgibson@afmfl.org, 305-860-1441