



Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY18
Total: \$250,000

International:

Associacao Franciscana de Instrucao e Assistencia, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil

The Cry of Sister and Mother Earth \$15,000

Support improvements to farm area of Mãe Admirável Convent including the forest and outer gardens. Environmental practices will be incorporated and include: recycling, identification of native species, water collection, soil fertility and vegetable production.

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Promoting Health Among Families \$10,000

Work with families in social assistance program to provide food, personal hygiene, cleaning items and gardening supplies to promote care of the environment. Social worker and Associates will make home visits providing materials and training.

Centro Comunitario Sagrada Famillia, Macajuba, Bahia, Brazil

Biodigestors – Alternative Energy in the Semiarid Region of Bahia \$15,000

Promote agro-ecology by training 13 families in the use biodigestors. Biodigestors take animal waste and convert it into energy and fertilizer. Ten masons will be trained to construct biodigestors for each family. Technical monitoring will be conducted.

Colegio Sao Francisco de Assis, Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil

Nature Inspiring Education \$15,000

Revitalize the inside and outside green areas of the school creating an environment of harmony and addressing the lateral slopes of the buildings to prevent erosion.

Convento Imaculada Conceicao, Ceres, Goais, Brazil

Our Plants, Our Lives \$11,000

Strengthen the phytotherapy program at Pius X Hospital for patients and community members. Phytotherapy is the use of plant-derived medications in treatment and prevention of diseases. It is a science-based medical practice. Funding will pay for supplies for growing plants and preparing medicines, educational brochures and food for community meetings.

Convento Nossa Senhora da Divina, Araguacema, Tocantins, Brazil

Building a Better Life \$15,000

Redesign chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Aparecida for a rural community to have a meeting place where formation classes and community meetings can occur. Funding will pay for construction materials, food and contracted services.

Franciscan Ministries, Kingston, Jamaica

Pre-Owned Vehicle for Porziuncola Farm \$15,000

Purchase pre-owned vehicle to transport workers, volunteers, farm equipment, tools and supplies. Additionally the vehicle will be used to transport food to the market and to distribute food to the poor and malnourished in the Braes River community and inner city communities in Kingston.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Bolivia, Cochabamba, La Paz, Bolivia
El Pedregal Community \$10,000

Assist families with minimal economic resources by providing daily, hot nutritious school lunches for children and construction materials for their homes. The construction materials will be used to enlarge rooms, replace roofs, doors or windows, cement floors, or pay the fees for electricity, water or gas. Families will provide the labor themselves.

Immaculate Conception High School, Kingston, Jamaica
Sick Bay Renovation \$15,000

Renovate sick bay space to create a larger, more functional space that meets requirements of the Ministries of Education & Health, and ensures safety, privacy, and appropriate treatment of students, staff and workers who become ill during the course of the school day. The new sick bay will have the capacity to serve up to 20 individuals with varying needs.

Immaculate Conception Preparatory School, Kingston, Jamaica
Improvement of IT Services and Protection of IT Equipment \$4,700

Purchase UPS battery backups, surge protectors, 10 tablets, two printers and one inverter air conditioning unit for the computer lab at school.

St. Joseph's Infant School, Kingston, Jamaica
School's Kitchen \$7,600

Purchase appliances and utensils for a new school kitchen that will serve students breakfast and lunch.

Santa Casa de Misericordia de Anapolis, Anapolis, Goias, Brazil
The Voice of Mercy \$10,000

The project will install speakers throughout the hospital, allowing patients, family members, employees, doctors and visitors to participate in moments of prayer and Eucharistic celebrations without leaving their bed or workplace. Funding will be used to purchase sound equipment and technology and air conditioning for the chapel.

St. Joseph's Teachers College, Kingston, Jamaica
Project for Improving the Use of Technology as a Teaching and Learning Tool \$10,000

Purchase 17 computers and two multimedia projectors to improve access to students and provide projection for class activities. The computers will be placed in the Research Centre and can be used for students' research activities, assignments and use of Turnitin software which is required for the submission of many coursework documents.

United States:

Canticle Farm, Allegany, NY
Growing Health, Growing Community \$13,600

Support new outreach program that utilizes Education Coordinator as a resource to motivate changes in diet and nutrition among the community's financially marginalized residents. Coordinator will partner with soup kitchens to engage participants and staff in activities, projects, panel discussions, cooking classes/demos, etc. to help low-income households gain tools, resources and confidence to adjust their healthy eating habits.

Catholic Health System, Buffalo, NY
Faith Community Nursing Program (FCN) \$11,000

Support existing FCN program and develop Congregational Health Promoters (CHP) training. The program will continue to update educational materials, offer learning sessions for community nurses, provide reference materials/journals, and support the documentation system to track all ministry accomplishments. Funding will be used to purchase health curriculum and software including the electronic documentation system.

Genesis House of Olean, Olean, NY

Clothing Assistance \$5,000

Provide financial assistance to purchase clothing items for school, work, winter weather including coats, mittens, boots and gloves, and overall basic needs.

Gerard Place Housing Development Fund, Buffalo, NY

Supportive Housing Program: Creating Self-Sufficient Families \$15,000

Support programs that build self-sufficiency for homeless clients. Job readiness training will focus on internships, soft skills and online job searching. Computer training varies from computer literacy through Microsoft certification based on experience. Additionally, children will receive screening and services for speech and learning delays.

House of Mercy and Encouragement (HOME), Dunedin, FL

Violence Prevention Through Children's Mental Health Services and Literacy Success \$9,000

HOME serves children 3 years old through adolescents who are at risk due to poor school performance and express challenging behavior due to mental or emotional health issues. Children are identified for the program by parents, pediatricians, teachers, principals, church leaders or others. These children are at risk for further deteriorating by being socially isolated, educationally behind, and negatively affected by their escalating mental health symptoms. Funding will provide individual counseling/ behavior modification sessions, social skills, creative art groups and individual tutoring sessions.

Mercy LIFE of Alabama, Mobile, AL

Intensive Home & Community-Based Care to Elderly \$5,000

The PACE program ensures the health care needs of older individuals (55 and over) are met in the community rather than in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. Most clients are dual eligible for Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Mercy LIFE coordinates and provides all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term health care services for this population. Funding will provide meals both at the facility and to be sent home with clients and delivered to homebound clients.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Camden, NJ

The Bridge: Leadership & Communication Training at Catholic Partnership Schools \$15,000

Provide empowerment and leadership skill trainings for nine middle-school-aged classrooms, as well as their parents, teachers, and other school staff. Schools are located in Camden and part of the Catholic Partnership Schools System and chosen based on need. Program addresses emotional, social, and spiritual needs.

Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Wexford, PA

Jumpstart Housing \$10,000

Purchase beds for recently housed homeless individuals. Clients receive case management services with goals of improved physical and mental health, reduction or cessation in use of drugs and alcohol and independent living.

St. Paul Catholic School, St. Petersburg, FL

Answering Jesus' Call to Serve Others \$5,000

Support middle school service program in 2018-2019 school year. Service sites include Bon Secours nursing home, Pinellas Hope, shelter and permanent supportive housing community, and DayStar Life Center a social service agency. Funding will pay for food and transportation.

The Dwelling Place of New York, New York, NY

Building on a Legacy \$5,600

Support strategic and succession planning efforts at women's homeless shelter. Two of the part-time women religious case managers will be leaving their positions in September 2018.

Trinity Café, Tampa, FL

One Month of Meals at Busch Boulevard Hunger Gap Location \$2,500

Provide food for hot daily meals at the new location in North Tampa.