

Major Grant Overview – FY19

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**Allegany
Franciscan
Ministries**
A Member of Trinity Health

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.

Our Approach:

Allegany Franciscan Ministries approaches health from a “Social Determinants of Health” (SDOH) perspective, recognizing that individual and community health is impacted by a range of social, economic and physical conditions, such as availability of safe housing, access to healthy food, quality of education and job training, transportation options, and access to health care. For more information about the SDOH, visit the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Resource Page or follow these links [CHA SDOH](#) and [Healthy 2020 SDOH](#).

Major Grant Guidelines for FY19

Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ FY19 grants will fund organizations, programs or initiatives that strategically align with its mission, as well as its focus to **increase access to health services, and/or 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.

The Major Grant process has two separate applications: 1) General Operating Support and 2) Programmatic Support. Prospective grant partners should complete one application, for either General Operating Support or Programmatic Support, choosing the one that best fits their need(s).

General Operating Support: These grants will support the organization’s overall mission and goals rather than specific projects or programs, and should help strengthen the organization or further its charitable purposes. General Operating Support is unrestricted and can be used to underwrite an organization’s administrative or infrastructure costs, or help to maintain core programs and essential staff. Requests may be submitted for a total amount of up to \$100,000, and not more than 25% of the organization’s annual operating budget.

Programmatic Support: These grants will provide funding for specific projects and activities that are intended 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. Programmatic Support may also include capacity-building efforts to improve or strengthen the organization or its programs.

We anticipate providing up to fifteen grants across the three regions we serve. The grant period will be one to two years with funds ranging between \$10,000 and \$100,000 for General Operating Support and between \$50,000 and \$200,000 for Programmatic Support.

In addition to addressing the strategies identified above, successful applications will:

- Effectively utilize community and neighborhood assets and resources;
- Involve those served in various ways, including decision-making;
- Produce measurable results and ongoing community impact;
- Promote the dignity of the person;
- Demonstrate an ability to address documented unmet health needs in the community (*for Programmatic Support applications*).

Eligibility

To be considered for funding, an 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 the Allegany Franciscan Ministries 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 are expected to have an annual, independent audit for the most recent fiscal year and for each year of the grant term.

In addition, requests for General Operating Support must meet the following requirements:

- Have held a 501(c)(3) exemption status for at least three years;
- Have evidence of long-term planning such as a detailed strategic plan or work plan.

Limitations Please see Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ 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/improvements (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.
- Organizations, including universities and hospitals, with annual budgets in excess of \$15 million dollars are strongly discouraged to apply for General Operating Support grants.

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 Franciscan Ministries utilizes an online grant application process; access the application via the website www.afmfl.org.

	Date	Notes
LOI available online	Nov. 15, 2018	Potential grant partners may access and begin working on the LOI.
Major Grant Informational Webinar	Nov. 28, 2018 @10am	Optional Informational Session on General Operating & Programmatic Support. Recordings will be available.
Letter of Intent (LOI) Due	Jan. 17, 2019	Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon).
Notification of decision; decline or invite to submit full application	By Feb. 25, 2019	Email notification (decline). Email notification, followed by a letter (invite). May be earlier, as decisions are made.
Full Application Technical Assistance Webinar	Feb. 27 @10am Feb. 28 @10am	For those invited to submit a full application. 2/27 for General Operating requests; 2/28 for Programmatic requests.
Deadline to submit full application	March 28, 2019	Online application must be submitted by 12 pm (noon).
Site Visits	May 20 – 31	Allegany Franciscan Ministries' staff and Grants Committee members will visit or meet with applicants.
Decisions Announced	By June 28, 2019	Allegany Franciscan Ministries will work with partners, after final decisions, on budgets and outcomes.
Grant Period Begins	July or August 2019	Flexible depending on each organization's needs.
Technical Assistance Webinar	July 17 @11am	For those organizations that have been awarded a Major Grant; this webinar features information about what to expect, how to complete reports, etc.

Descriptions of recently awarded grants can be found on the **Grants Awarded** page of Allegany Franciscan Ministries' website.

Questions about Grants? First view [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) and then contact the appropriate staff person with any additional questions:

- For general questions about eligibility and the application process, or for technical assistance please contact Carla Batts, Community Investment Specialist at cbatts@afmfl.org, 727-507-9668.
- For all questions on completing the application and content to include please reach out to the vice president for your region:

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
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