



## Tau Grants FY19 – 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.

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**Allegany Franciscan Ministries' FY19 Tau Grants will support capacity-building efforts for organizations, programs or initiatives that are aligned with our mission and impact at least one of the social determinants of health. Requests up to \$10,000 will be considered.**

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Social determinants of health are social, economic, and physical conditions that influence a person's overall health status, such as availability of safe housing, access to healthy food, quality of education and job training, transportation options, and access to health care. Addressing social determinants of health is important for improving health and reducing longstanding disparities in health and health care. Allegany Franciscan Ministries' framework for understanding the social determinants of health includes five general categories: education, economic stability, social & community context, health & health care, and neighborhood & built environment. For more information about the social determinants of health, visit the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Resource Page or follow these links [CHA SDOH](#) and [Healthy 2020 SDOH](#).

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For the first cycle of FY19 Tau Grants, the three social determinants of health that will be addressed are **education, economic stability, and health & healthcare.**

For the second cycle of FY19 Tau Grants, the social determinants of health that will be addressed are **social & community context, neighborhood & built environment, and health & healthcare.**

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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 organizations or services that assist persons who are marginalized, economically poor, or have limited access to healthcare and health information.

For the purposes of this Tau Grant application process, capacity building is defined as intentional, mission-driven efforts aimed at strengthening the operations, management, programs 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/Marketing and Communications
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Planning
- Professional Association Membership Fees

## 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](#)).

**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 costs 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.	
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.	

## Application Process

- The online application process may be accessed via our website ([www.afmfl.org](http://www.afmfl.org)).
- 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 dates for the first and second cycle are as follows:

	Cycle 1	Cycle 2
<b>Application Available</b>	June 18, 2018	June 18, 2018
<b>Informational Webinar</b>	June 27, 2018 at 9 am	January 15, 2019 at 9 am
<b>Deadline</b>	August 9, 2018, 12 pm (noon)	February 28, 2019 by 12 pm (noon)
<b>Decisions Announced</b>	By September 11, 2018	By March 30, 2019

- 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](mailto:bfrazier@afmfl.org), 727-507-9668 with additional questions.