



Tau Grants - FY19

Total \$359,845

Miami Dade

50 CAN, Washington, DC

Improving Miami-Dade's School-System through Parental Civic Leadership and Community Advocacy \$10,000

The program informs, activates and empowers low-income parents in Miami-Dade to develop their leadership while working to improve their schools and communities. Funds will support general operating activities, specifically for personnel and for purchased services.

Key Clubhouse of South Florida, Miami, FL

Recovery through Work Expansion \$10,000

The Key Clubhouse's Recovery through Work program offers employment preparation, placement and ongoing support for individuals living with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Funds are being requested to increase capacity to place and support more individuals living with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in paying jobs. Funding will be used for personnel salary and benefits, training for staff members, and a site visit to Pinellas Park Clubhouse and the Chamber of Commerce Membership Fee.

Ladies Empowerment and Action Program, Miami, FL

LEAP Fiscal Stewardship Improvement Project \$10,000

Grant funds will strengthen LEAP's ability to serve women transitioning from prison. Through the project, a CPA will evaluate the financial system and recommend specific updates to ensure that LEAP is operating in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. A part-time bookkeeper will help implement CPA recommendations. Lastly, a full financial audit for 2018 and 2019 will be completed.

Miami Homes for All, Miami, FL

Affordable Housing Blueprints \$10,000

Miami Homes for All (MHFA) has partnered with the City of Miami (COM) and Miami-Dade County to create affordable housing blueprints for each municipality. The goal is to create or preserve 12,000 units of affordable housing by 2024. Grant funding will expand the capacity of MHFA to create and preserve affordable housing at scale. The blueprints will improve the community's development capacity by communicating policy makers' priorities to developers and reversing a trend of reactive deal making through opaque processes.

Mujeres Unidas en Justicia Educacion y Reforma, Naranja, FL

One Stop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program \$10,000

Support for One Stop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center located in South Miami-Dade County, the only accessible source of culturally competent specialized services available in the area. Tau funds will support direct-service staff's capacity building, and will allow MUJER to leverage other victimization funding sources that require specific training certification.

Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade, Miami, FL

(Re)Build Cause Marketing – English and Spanish \$10,000

(Re)Build is a movement to repair homes and revitalize communities in Miami-Dade. Grant funding will create two film PSA's one in English and one in Spanish to help with the marketing campaign.

SEEK Foundation, Miami, FL

Get Hip and Fit \$10,000

Get Hip and Fit initiative is to assist students and families in making healthy food choices by supporting school nutrition policies, increasing opportunities for nutritional knowledge that focus on physical improvements for underserved students living in economically disadvantaged areas, and enrolled in Title 1 schools.

Struggle for Miami's Affordable and Sustainable Housing, Miami, FL

Community Outreach Campaign \$10,000

Support for a Community Land Trust affordable housing project in Liberty City designed and owned by the residents to improve health outcomes with quality housing and serve as a model for other neighborhoods to pursue. Funding will support staffing, audit, and expenses for education workshops.

Suited for Success, Miami, FL

Capacity Building and Board Development \$10,000

Suited for Success is seeking funds to support organizational capacity, board development, and marketing needs, which will enable them to formalize and grow their resource development efforts to create sustainable funding streams and ensure they can continue to meet the needs of their community. Unemployment has been shown to affect both physical and mental health. By investing in programs and the capacity to serve more individuals, they can provide a bigger impact on the health of their clients and families.

The Miami Foundation, Miami, FL

Urban Greenworks: Cerasee Urban Farm: Reaching Across Communities \$10,000

Urban Green Works (UGW) maintains an 18,000 sq. ft. urban farm (Cerasee Farm) in Liberty City, Miami. Cerasee Farm is located in a USDA identified "urban food desert". UGW is looking to identify and address the social determinants of health that are adversely affecting their community. Through interactions with residents and local CBOs, they have begun putting together a blueprint of issues that need addressing. UGW is looking to expand its urban farm to over an acre. The Farm's primary need is that of required resources to expand and grow more

food (soil, water, seeds, green & shade houses, as well as tools). The organization wants to offer more community programming to engage more local youth, veterans, and the elderly.

Touching Miami With Love Ministries, Miami, FL

Building Better Communication \$10,000

Touching Miami With Love Ministries, Inc. provides support to the Overtown and Homestead communities. The main programs are Tomorrow's Leaders Children's Program for children K-8th grade and Today's Leaders Youth Development Program for middle and high school students. Funding is for a communication system. The current phone system was purchased second-hand over fifteen years ago.

Urban Health Partnerships, Miami, FL

Building Sustainable Initiatives Toward Healthy, Equitable Communities in South Florida \$10,000

Funding will help expand Urban Health Partnership's strategic planning efforts to organize their focus areas into clearly defined initiatives. Grant funding will hire a consultant to engage in this work and ensure long-term sustainability of the initiatives. The project will include a retreat and designated strategic planning time.

Palm Beach

All-Star Smiles, Delray Beach, FL

Children's Oral Health Access Initiative \$10,000

All-Star Smiles was created to help bridge the gap in access to dental care for children in underserved communities. The Tau Grant will support marketing, contracted staff, and portable dental supplies.

Christians Reaching Out to Society, Lake Worth, FL

Capacity Building through Staff Training – Enneagram for Leaders \$3,000

Christians Reaching Out To Society Inc. (CROS) operates a food pantry. They recently transitioned their Caring Kitchen program from serving meals on site to now serving meals at different locations. Funds are being requested for Staff Development. CROS is hosting a Staff Retreat, utilizing Enneagram Training to learn how staff can work together in serving the hungry in their community. The Enneagram for Leaders Program will be presented by Aimee Bernstein of Open Mind Adventures.

In the Image of Christ, Fort Pierce, FL

The Village Shelter \$10,000

The shelter program provides healthy food and safe shelter for impoverished families and individuals in the St. Lucie County area, including the very poor in Fort Pierce. Funding will purchase sleeping cots, linens, and food.

LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast, Port St. Lucie, FL

Capacity Building in Fund Development and Implementation to Support Economic Stability \$10,000

Life Builders of the Treasure Coast, Inc. is a non-profit organization created by a group of committed citizens to help those progressing through the criminal justice system. Funds for this project will purchase licenses for Foundation Search, a web-based service offering a platform to find additional foundations who have a similar mission and resources. In addition, funds will cover the costs to subscribe to Donor Perfect for one year to create a database for tracking donor engagement and giving.

Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches, West Palm Beach, FL

Technology Upgrades to Increase Capacity \$10,000

Meals on Wheels provides meals to the less fortunate and is managed by volunteers. Meals on Wheels recently expanded its kitchen and is in need of new technology equipment. Funds will be used to purchase new computers, laptops, and printers, which are necessary to manage the clients/volunteers and prepare the meals for the new expanding geographic service area and increasing numbers of clients.

Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce, FL

Client Choice Pantry \$10,000

Mustard Seed is switching to a client choice pantry where clients choose specific items they want (based on criteria provided), expanding the variety of food offered based on cultural habits, medical issues (diabetes, hypertension) and a person's access to cooking facilities. To accomplish this, the organization will purchase freezers, computer software and equipment, carts, shelving, and refrigerated cases.

MyClinic, Jupiter, FL

Website Re-design \$10,000

MyClinic will revamp the existing website to provide a new interface that aligns with marketing and communication goals to promote growth in the number of clients served and community support. They will engage a website development company to analyze business targets and formulate a better strategy. The website will be designed in a way that makes it easy to update internally and is mobile device friendly.

Northwest Community Consortium, West Palm Beach, FL

Fund Development Strategy \$10,000

In June of 2018 the Board of Northwest Community Consortium Inc. made a conscious decision to increase its capacity through its strategic planning process thereby creating a plan inclusive of fund development that focuses on individual donors and on-line fundraising. Funds will be used to continue its plan of implementation of the organization's fund development, which includes donor prospecting, cultivation events, stewardship and the management of a donor database annually.

Sarah's Kitchen of the Treasure Coast, Port St. Lucie, FL

Technology and Website Development \$9,000

Sarah's Kitchen operates five food pantries that are entirely managed by volunteers. Funds are requested for a donor database. A donor database would allow Sarah's Kitchen to develop a better relationship with our donors by allowing them to better understand how volunteers support their efforts. Funds will also be used to upgrade the website.

Sweet Dream Makers, Boca Raton, FL

A Bigger, Better "A Bed of My Own" \$7,500

Sweet Dream Makers' mission is to promote the health and wellness of children and families by providing beds, bedding, and essential furniture. In order to broaden its regional reach, build awareness, and increase support for its fast-expanding "A Bed of My Own" program, Sweet Dream Makers must create a higher visibility profile for their organization and its mission.

The Arc of the Glades, Belle Glade, FL

Virtual Reality Health & Wellness Improvement \$10,000

The project will provide enhanced learning and positive health outcomes through utilizing Virtual Reality Simulation. The primary goal with this program is to strengthen client's core competencies in personal health & wellness allowing them greater control, improved outcomes, and reduced mortality from preventable illness/diseases. Funds will be used for equipment for virtual reality simulation and, a health and wellness coach.

The Children's Healing Institute, West Palm Beach, FL

TEACUP Premie Program Expansion Initiative \$10,000

The Children's Healing Institute is the leading source for child abuse prevention and family crisis management expertise. To help them drive their mission and strengthen sustainability, they developed a business plan to license TEACUP® to providers outside of their community. Funds are being requested to help launch this venture. The success of this venture will improve the odds for healthy growth, development, and survival of premature infants in Palm Beach County by generating funds to sustain our TEACUP Premie Program®.

Urban Growers Community Economic Development Corporation, West Palm Beach, FL

GardenKIDZ \$10,000

GardenKIDZ Program is designed to educate children ages 5-17 on agriculture, growing produce, making healthy food choices and healthy meals. The four communities and five schools surrounding the Henrietta Bridge Farm location will be the target audience. Funds will pay for personnel and garden materials.

Tampa Bay

Alpha House of Tampa, Tampa, FL

Striving to Do More: Build Capacity to Launch the Family Housing Solutions Center \$8,500

In 2020, Alpha House of Tampa will expand services to include Hillsborough County's first Family Housing Solutions Center (FHSC) to support at-risk families on their paths to housing stability and wellness. The FHSC will have two key components: emergency shelter and a comprehensive drop-in services center. Funds will be used for a computer server installation and configuration of the server and software. Additionally, a small amount of funding will purchase collateral material to market the FHSC to stakeholders.

Bethel Temple Assembly of God, Tampa, FL

Compassion Ministries Expansion \$10,000

The Fellowship Hall at Bethel Church is over 45 years old and in need of updating and repair. Funds will purchase freezers to increase capacity of free or donated USDA frozen or refrigerated food from Feeding Tampa Bay. LED lights will be purchased and installed to create a safer and healthier work environment.

Calvary Community Clinic, Tampa, FL

Website Redesign \$10,000

The Calvary Community Clinic (CCC) is a community-governed, free clinic that addresses barriers to health services. The project is to redesign their website to boost/increase traffic and visibility and to give it a professional and appealing appearance.

Community Dental Clinic, Clearwater, FL

Expanding Dental Care Services \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to update hardware to fully capitalize on the latest software enhancements for patient triage, scheduling and maintenance. Upgrades will enable healthcare providers to access the most up to date information and to redesign the website.

Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST), St. Petersburg, FL

Increasing Capacity for Long Term Housing Advocacy \$10,000

Support for community organizer, training supplies and equipment to overall affordable housing advocacy and monitoring of county commitments.

Health Council of West Central Florida, Tampa, FL

Equity Education \$8,150

The project is will increase organizational capacity in two ways; to offer additional expertise in the area of health equity, and to purchase a poverty simulator kit and facilitator training to develop real-world understanding on behalf of decision-makers and the general public of the issues faced by low-income residents. Funds will allow a staff member to obtain a Certified Diversity Professional credential, as well as the poverty simulator kit and other staff development training.

High Point Neighborhood Family Center, Clearwater, FL

Family Harvest of Blessed Bounty \$10,000

High Point Neighborhood Family Center provides services to promote a better quality of life. High Point NFC also focuses on teaching the youth food responsibility while promoting healthy eating. Funding is specifically for gardening supplies and materials.

Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality, Tampa, FL

HOPE for Housing \$10,000

HOPE for Housing tackles the critical housing crisis destabilizing the financial and physical health of families and the overall community. Funding is requested for personnel, who will be organizing training workshops and, for supplies and equipment.

Mission Tampa, Tampa, FL

A Reason to Smile! \$10,000

The organization's goal is to increase dental hygiene in the most marginalized communities in the Tampa Bay area. Organization has seen a 53% increase in clients, resulting in damaged medical equipment which needs to be replaced. Funds will be used for personnel (part-time dental hygienist) and medical equipment and supplies.

Positive Spin, Tampa, FL

Healthy Eating on a Budget \$10,000

Positive Spin offers a variety of youth services and programs, parental support, and assistance for families while also providing referrals and linkage to other services. Funds will be used for healthy eating take home kits, workshops including two facilitators, and fresh market stipends.

PowerNet of Dayton-DBA PowerNet of Tampa, Tampa, FL

Operation Empower: Changing the Focus from the Problem to the Solution \$10,000

PowerNet of Tampa's mission is to improve public safety, economic viability and overall quality of life for families in urban communities by providing advocacy, cognitive-behavioral rehabilitation and supportive services to persons currently, formerly and at risk of incarceration. Funds will support board development, strategic planning, technology upgrade, and website redesign.

Village Presbyterian Church, Tampa, FL

Work Smarter Not Harder with Non-Profit Program Technology \$9,195

The church offers a food pantry which serves over 11,000 families a year with the help of hundreds of volunteers. Data is currently captured on an excel spreadsheet. Funds will purchase and maintain a new tracking system for clients and volunteers and consulting time for database mapping and field modification as well as training time for staff and volunteers on system use.

Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, Clearwater, FL

Beautification Project \$4,500

The Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center (WCHWC) is a safety net clinic that is embedded and sustained by the community. The WCHWC seeks to enhance the patient's clinic visit through

a beautification project of the waiting room, four examination rooms and the Health education/conference room. In addition to redesign the website.