ACOR Grant Program Overview FY20

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 Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants provide short-term support to local community projects that extend the mission, vision, and direction of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. ACOR Grants are unique among Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ grant programs in that they do not have a geographic restriction. Rather, they require a direct affiliation with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany or their Associates or Trinity Health.

Priority Criteria
Priority will be given to organizations that meet most or all of the following criteria:

- improve health, wellness and quality of life through a holistic approach;
- promote self-sufficiency or bring about systemic change;
- benefit people who are disenfranchised, whether it be on the basis of nationality, race, class, or any other factor;
- strive to incorporate the viewpoint of individuals who are served;
- focus on the poor and marginalized and the equality of women

Guidelines
- Grant periods are generally for one year or less.
- Requests up to $10,000 will be considered; the amount awarded may not be the same as the amount requested.

Examples of the types of projects that may be funded by ACOR Grants include but are not limited to:

- Basic needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Social justice advocacy
- Environmental education
- Franciscan spirituality
- Literacy
- Job readiness
- Health education and access
Eligibility
To be considered for funding, the organization must meet the following basic requirements:

- Have received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service confirming exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 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).
- Organizations must be affiliated with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany or Franciscan Sisters of Allegany Associates (i.e., where the FSA members/associates are present as sponsor, trustee, staff or volunteer) or have a direct affiliation with a ministry of Trinity Health.

Limitations

- No organization may receive more than one ACOR Grant per year.
- Only one application may be submitted for an organization per cycle.
- Organizations with an active (current) ACOR Grant may not apply until the active grant is completed.
- ACOR Grants are not available for individuals, public agencies, fundraising events, or endowments.

Application Process

- The online grant application process may be accessed via our web site, www.afmfl.org
- If a prior application from the organization has been declined, it is strongly recommended you speak with us before submitting another request (see contact information below).
- Receipt of the application will be confirmed by e-mail.
- Applications may be submitted at any time, and will be reviewed in two cycles.

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Descriptions of recently awarded grants may be found on the Grants Awarded page of our website.

Still have questions about ACOR Grants? Please contact:

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Allegany Franciscan Ministries, www.afmfl.org
Allegany Franciscan Ministries is a non-profit Catholic organization that seeks to improve the overall health of individuals and communities. Guided by the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, and a member of Trinity Health, Allegany provides grants to organizations in three regions of Florida: Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, and the Tampa Bay area of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. Allegany Franciscan Ministries has invested $99 million to over 1600 organizations serving those most in need in these communities. In addition to awarding grants, Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ staff and volunteers work collaboratively with community partners and other funders to create healthier, safer, and more connected places where everyone thrives.