Major Grant Overview – FY20

General Operating Support Grants

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.

General Operating Support Guidelines for FY20

Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ FY20 grants will fund organizations, programs or initiatives that strategically align with its mission, as well as its focus to improve the overall health status of underserved communities. Grants will support organizations that positively impact the health of individuals, families, and communities for marginalized, vulnerable, underserved or economically disadvantaged residents.

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.

Please note this opportunity is for General Operating Support. The grant period will be one to two years with funds ranging between $10,000 and $100,000. If your organization is looking for a Program Support grant, please see the Current Funding Opportunities page for Programmatic Support on our website.
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.

**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);
- Organization 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 if request is $50,000 or above;
- Have held a 501(c)(3) exemption status for at least three years upon submission of Letter of Intent (LOI);
- 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. An application can be submitted for General Operating Support or Programmatic Support (not both).
- Organizations with an active (current) Major Grant may not apply until the active grant is completed.
- Funding is not available for:
  - individuals, public agencies, capital projects/improvements (buildings, van/autobiles, 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.

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<td>Major Grant Informational Webinar</td>
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<td>Letter of Intent (LOI) Due</td>
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<td>Notification of decision; decline or invite to submit full application</td>
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| Full Application Technical Assistance Webinar | Oct. 31 @ 9:30 am  
Oct. 31 @ 11 am |
| Deadline to submit full application | Nov. 21, 2019                                                         |
| Site Visits                 | Feb. 17-28                                                            |
| Decisions Announced         | By April 10, 2020                                                     |
| Grant Period Begins         | April – Sept. 2020                                                    |
| Post-Award Technical Assistance Webinar | April 15 @ 11 am 
April 15 @ 12:30 pm |

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 questions about the guidelines, 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 eligibility and content to include for completing the application 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 Counties: Cheri Wright-Jones, cwrightjones@afmfl.org, 813-685-3232
  Miami-Dade County: Daniel Gibson, dgibson@afmfl.org, 305-860-1441