



Allegany
Franciscan
Ministries

A Member of Trinity Health

EVALUATION PHILOSOPHY

Allegany Franciscan Ministries believes there are three primary roles for evaluation: learning (to share and improve), accountability/stewardship; and communication about results and impact. We are committed to keeping our approach to evaluation simple, asking only for what we will use, and remaining “lingo-free”. Our hope is to have our relationship with grant partners characterized as positive, trusting, committed to improvement, honest and open.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries Evaluation Philosophy

As a good steward, Allegany Franciscan Ministries is dedicated to assuring that its investments move Allegany Franciscan Ministries toward its mission. The evaluation process is intended to be clear, simple, and focused on outcomes. The evaluation process is respectful of organizations with different size, sophistication, values, beliefs and traditions. It balances quantitative and qualitative methods to inform and guide Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ decisions while improving partner organizations and services.

With this philosophy in mind, different approaches have been developed for our different types of grants and grant-related investments, commensurate with the amount of funding, the scope and complexity of the funded project, and other factors. For example, grants of less than \$15,000 may be expected to submit a simple narrative report and expenses form, while large, multi-year investments would require specific agreed-upon outcomes to be measured on a regular basis.

Organizations that have a measurement and reporting system in place for another funding source will in most cases be able to use the existing system to submit reports on project success and lessons learned.

Samples are available. The tools are reviewed annually with an eye toward continuous improvement. Training, technical assistance and support is provided to applicants and grant partners.