



Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY20 **Total: \$251,000**

International:

Associação Franciscana de Instrução e Assistência (AFIA) Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil **General Operating Support \$5,000**

The Franciscan Association for Education and Assistance is a philanthropic entity of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Brazil. The project delivers educational programming to vulnerable families through lectures, workshops, classes and home visits. Emergency assistance, food, medications, personal hygiene kits, cleaning materials and other materials will be provided to participants.

Associação Franciscana de Instrução e Assistência (AFIA) Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil **General Operating Support \$10,000**

Grant funding will support a new mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Mozambique. Three sisters from Brazil will serve at the mission which is a technical school that has struggled to remain open. Grant funding will be used to purchase furniture (chairs, desks, tables), technology, food and to assist with transportation expenses.

Centro Comunitario Sagrada Familia Macajuba, Bahia, Brazil **General Operating Support \$10,000**

Support is for a multi-faceted project that serves families in the rural area of Macajuba facing extreme poverty. Families will be taught how to treat water and how to build cisterns which can hold 16,000 liters of water. Additionally, a kitchen at a training center will be renovated and stocked with supplies so it can be used to provide classes.

Centro Educacional Sao Francisco de Assis Palmas, Tocantins, Brazil **Evolving Education – Caring for Our Common Home \$10,000**

Supplies will be purchased for an ecological and landscape project to cultivate green areas at the school. Internal and external areas are included. Rainwater will be captured and the educational, social/community space will be responsible. Additionally, a grotto will be built to include statues of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Convento Nossa Senhora de Fatima Rio Dos Bois, Palmas, Brazil **Constructing a Building \$10,000**

Rios Dos Bois is a new mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Brazil. Funding will be used for construction materials and labor to build a pastoral hall for the existing Catholic church. The space will be used for pastoral celebrations, religious and environmental education and serve as a community meeting space.

Convento Santa Dulce dos Pobres Ceres, Goias, Brazil

General Operating Support \$5,000

Supplies and equipment will be purchased to teach religious education to children, adolescents and young people at Good Jesus of Lapa Church in Bahia. Leaders will be trained following church guidelines. Classes will be held throughout the year. Items to be purchased include books, bibles and food as well as paint to update the classrooms.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America Kingston, Jamaica

Building Capacity for Franciscan Education in Jamaica \$10,000

Support will cover expenses for two-three missionaries in Jamaica including health insurance, transportation, and monthly living stipends. Volunteers serve in the ministry sites sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany in Jamaica.

Fundacao de Assistencia Social de Anapolis Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil

General Operating Support \$10,000

Medicines and individual protection equipment will be purchased for health professionals working at Santa Casa de Misericordia Hospital in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Work spaces will be modified in the building for safety of workers and patients.

Love and Care Mission Bundu, Kahugu, Nigeria

Two Blocks of Four Classrooms for Ray of Hope Junior Secondary School Bundu

Kahugu Nigeria \$10,000

Grant will support construction of four classrooms to create a secondary school in the village. Funding will be used for the purchase of construction materials and labor.

Partners with Haiti La Gonave, Haiti

FL Security Wall and Gate for St. Isidore's Catholic Church and School, La Gonave, Haiti \$10,000

The project is the demolition and rebuilding of a 350-yard 50-year-old wall, which provides security to St. Isidore Parish and its school, St. Bernadette. Funding will pay for construction supplies, labor, and transportation costs.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Port-au-Prince, Haiti

General Operating Support \$10,000

Since 1994, Saint Alphonsus has provided financial support, medical equipment and training to a Catholic priest and physician, Father Rick Frechette, as he serves the poor in Haiti. Grant funding will support staff salaries for additional physicians and nurses for a month and a half at St. Luc Family Hospital in Port-au-Prince to address the outbreak of the COVID-19.

United States:

Answered Prayers Cross St. Petersburg, FL

Sewn Together \$10,000

Support is for a free 12-week women's empowerment program that promotes self-sufficiency by teaching sewing skills and business acumen in an environment that fosters community. Students receive coaching and vouchers for transportation, childcare and translators if needed.

Daystar Life Center St. Petersburg, FL

Tasting Your Way to Good Health \$4,000

Funds will support programs for limited-resource clients to gain the knowledge, skills, attitudes and changed behavior to choose nutritionally sound diets and improve their well-being. Programs include on-site cooking demonstrations, nutrition education and grocery shopping tips. Funding will pay for supplies, food, incentives and promotional costs.

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

General Operating Support \$10,000

Funds will be used to engage a community organizer to work with community leaders in Pinellas County to create a central pathway for individuals to access behavioral health services.

Feeding America Tampa Bay dba Feeding Tampa Bay Tampa, FL

Healthy Take Home Meals \$5,000

Support expanded distribution of nutritious, ready-to-eat, frozen take home meals to households receiving other food relief from programs including Trinity Cafe, weekly onsite Publix Community Market, and Feeding Minds School Pantries.

Franciscan Action Network Washington, DC

General Operating Support \$5,000

Grant funding will support operating and program costs for the organization so it can continue to promote Franciscan values, Catholic Social Teaching and social justice. The organization's current emphasis is on lifting up three themes of Pope Francis: environmental justice, care of the poor and exhortation for mercy.

Franciscan Center Tampa, FL

Spreading the Word 2020 \$10,000

Funds support marketing campaign to increase Center's visibility and presence in the community. Existing programs and retreats will be promoted and new programming (mindfulness, yoga and inspirational speakers) will be highlighted.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America Washington, DC

General Operating Support \$10,000

Organization places lay missionaries overseas for a year of service. Grant funding will support staff salaries, health insurance costs and will be used to help pay rent for DC office. Relief in these areas will allow staff to move forward with recruitment activities for fall 2020, the next program year and support missionaries who continue to serve in country.

Gerard Place Housing Development Fund Company Buffalo, NY

General Operating Support \$10,000

Gerard Place offers High School Equivalency Diploma preparation programs to the community. Grant funding will support staffing of this program, technology, software, workbooks, testing material, teacher handbooks etc. There are currently 100 students within a year and over 30 tutors.

Global Health Ministry Newtown Square, PA

Planning for the Next 30 Years \$10,000

Funds granted support mission evaluation and planning process for 2020. This will include a weekend retreat of past and present team leaders and major players on mission teams. Meetings will be conducted with in-country partners and government officials in each country Global Health Ministry currently serves. This will culminate in a strategic plan that is adopted and shared with partners.

Long Beach Island Community Center Long Beach Township, NJ

General Operating Support \$10,000

Supports staff salaries for preschool program director and room supervisors. This will allow the center to offer remote classroom learning and keep staff employed. Children and families will stay connected.

Mercy Community Health West Hartford, CT

A Place of Hope and Peace – The Gazebo and Its Gardens \$4,500

Grant will provide purchase and installing of outdoor lighting for gathering space at Frances Warde Towers nursing home. Residents include individuals in transition from homelessness. Lighting will ensure safety and security for residents.

Our Lady of Lourdes Health Foundation Camden, NJ

The Bridge: Teen Leadership Pilgrimage Year – Discovering Francis \$10,000

Funds will provide support for youth programming that will expose teenagers to Franciscan spirituality and challenge them to apply what they learned in their daily lives. One two-day retreat and three "Refresh & Recharge" sessions will be held over a year. The experience will enhance participants' leadership skills, while fostering on-going spiritual development. Participants will perform acts of service. Funding will pay for staffing, food, lodging, transportation, and supplies.

School Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center Woodhaven, NY

General Operating Support \$7,500

The Center prepares young women to complete the New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. Students are largely new immigrants. Grant funds will pay salary cost of English as a Second Language teacher and will be used to purchase books and curriculum supplies.

St. Bonaventure University - The Warming House St. Bonaventure, NY

Franciscan Hearts Begin in the Kitchen \$5,000

Funds will help pay student employee wages at The Warming House, a student run meal provider for the hungry in Olean. Students are part of a leadership program that is rooted in Franciscan values as its foundation. Student workers engage in reflection and conversation as they integrate these values into their everyday thoughts and actions.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. Anne Catholic Church Ruskin, NY

General Operating Support \$10,000

Repairs and updates will be made to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Ruskin. Specifically, grant funds will be used to build a roof covering between the donation building and the store and shed with a cement slab for extra storage of donated items. Repairs include fixing the leaking store roof, painting floors, adding sand grit paint to a ramp and providing financial assistance to employees until the store is able to re-open.

The Dwelling Place of NY New York, NY

General Operating Support \$10,000

The Dwelling Place provides shelter for homeless women in New York City. Grant funds will support the salary and employee taxes for a case manager, cook and housekeeper for four weeks. These roles are essential for providing safe shelter, nourishing meals and individualized guidance for residents and weekly guests. Additionally, grant funding will support gas and electricity for three months.

The Kind Mouse Productions St. Petersburg, FL

Feeding Hungry Souls \$10,000

Funds will be used to purchase food and household supplies for families struggling economically and at risk of food insecurity and/or chronic hunger.

United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts Fall River, MA

General Operating Support \$10,000

United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts organizes faith leaders around social justice issues. The organization is structuring its efforts around emergency response for COVID-19 to meet the immediate needs of the most vulnerable in the community. Grant funding will primarily support salaries of two community organizers. Additionally, funding will be used to purchase two printers, food and to provide assistance with immediate needs.