



## ACOR Grant Program Overview FY21

**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.

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**Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants support local community projects and provide operating support to nonprofit organizations that extend the vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. A direct affiliation with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, Allegany Franciscan Associates or Trinity Health is required to apply. Requests up to \$10,000 will be considered.**

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Grant requests may be submitted for either program **or** general operating support. Applicants will be asked to identify which type of funding is being requested in their grant application. General operating support has been temporarily added to address the challenges placed on nonprofits due to the COVID pandemic.

*Program* requests should be for specific projects and activities intended to improve health, wellness and quality of life for local, underserved communities. Short term support will be provided for new, current or expansion projects. Examples of successful programs focus on (but are not limited to):

basic needs (food, shelter, clothing)	social justice
environmental protection	literacy
employment	health education and access

*General operating* requests will support a nonprofit organization's overall mission and goals and should help strengthen the organization or further its charitable purposes. General operating support is unrestricted. Examples of general operating support include:

- Organizational administrative or infrastructure costs, such as utilities, rent, personnel
- Help to maintain core programs and essential staff
- One-time capacity needs such as strategic planning or technology

### **Priority Criteria**

Priority will be given to organizations and projects 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;
- provide services to individuals from marginalized groups including racial and ethnic minorities, low-income populations, and members of the LGBTQ community. These groups have faced historical disenfranchisements;
- strive to incorporate the viewpoint of individuals who are served;
- focus on empowering women

### **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](#)).
- Projects must be affiliated with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany or Allegany Franciscan 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.
- We discourage requesting grant funds to be used entirely for an individual salary.

### **Application Process**

- The online grant application process may be accessed via our web site, [www.afmfl.org](http://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.

	<b>Fall Cycle</b>	<b>Spring Cycle</b>
<b>Informational Webinar</b>	Sept. 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm	
<b>Deadlines</b>	Oct. 1, 2020 (noon)	April 1, 2021 (noon)
<b>Decisions Announced</b>	November 2019	May 2020

Descriptions of recently awarded grants may be found on the [Grants Awarded](#) page of our website.

**Still have questions about ACOR Grants? Contact Erin Baird, Director of Grants at [ebaird@afmfl.org](mailto:ebaird@afmfl.org), 727-507-0897.**