

Tau Grants FY21 – Capacity Building

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 Franciscan Ministries' FY21 Tau Grants will support capacity-building efforts for organizations or programs that are aligned with our mission and addresses at least one of the social determinants of health. Requests up to \$10,000 will be considered.

Social determinants of health are social, economic, and physical conditions that influence a person's overall health status, such as availability of safe housing, access to healthy food, quality of education and job training, transportation options, and access to health care. Addressing social determinants of health is important for reducing longstanding disparities in health and health care and achieving equitable health outcomes for marginalized groups. Health inequities often stem from structural racism or the historical disenfranchisement and discrimination of particular marginalized groups, including racial and ethnic minorities, low-income populations, and members of the LGBTQ community. These groups have historically been withheld from obtaining resources that are needed to be healthy, and are disproportionately exposed to a combination of health risks.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries' framework for understanding the social determinants of health includes five general categories: **education, economic stability, social & community context, health & health care, and neighborhood & built environment**. For more information about the social determinants of health, visit the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Resource Page or follow these links [APHA](#), [CHA SDOH](#) and [Healthy 2020 SDOH](#).

Allegany Franciscan Ministries offers Tau Grants for smaller nonprofits with organizational or program needs that are limited in scope. Tau Grants are intended to support organizations or services that assist persons who are marginalized, economically poor, or have limited access to healthcare and health information.

For the purposes of this Tau Grant application process, capacity building is defined as intentional, mission-driven efforts aimed at strengthening the operations, management, programs and governance of nonprofits to improve their performance and impact. **Priority will be given to organizations or programs with a need for Technology Equipment, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training and Community Organizing**. Successful applications **could** focus on (but are not limited to):

- **Technology Equipment and/or Software Subscription**
- Strategic Planning/Fundraising Strategy/Fund Development Strategy
- Board Development/Staff Development
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training/Social Justice Training**
- Website Redesign/Marketing and Communications
- **Community Organizing**

Eligibility

To be considered for funding, the project must align with Catholic social teaching, and the 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: Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin Hillsborough and Pinellas.
- 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](#)).

Limitations Please see our FAQs for more information.

Organizational Limitations - Tau Grants	Project Limitations - Tau Grants
Organizations with an operating budget of \$2 million dollars or over are not eligible (this includes hospitals and universities).	Requests may include personnel costs but may not be used entirely for salary.
Not available for individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, van/automobiles, etc.), fundraising events, or endowments.	
An organization may not have more than one active Tau Grant in each Allegany Franciscan Ministries region and only one application may be submitted for an organization per cycle.	Not intended to provide ongoing, sustaining funding for a project or an organization and will not necessarily be renewed annually.

Application Process

- The online application process may be accessed via our website (www.afmfl.org).
- The dates for the second cycle are as follows:

Cycle 2

Application Available	January 18, 2021
Informational Webinar	Please review webinar from Cycle 1
Deadline	February 18, 2021 12 pm (noon)
Decisions Announced	By Early April 2021

- Receipt of the application will be confirmed by e-mail.
- Questions about Tau Grants? First view Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and then contact Brittney Frazier, bfrazier@afmfl.org, 727-489-0499 with additional questions.