**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.

**Our Vision:** The communities we serve will become ever more just, equitable, and caring; everyone in our communities will be welcomed and have the resources to thrive.

For the purposes of this Tau Grant application, 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.
Addressing social determinants of health is important for reducing longstanding disparities in health and health care and achieving equitable health outcomes for historically 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 overlooked from obtaining resources that are needed to be healthy and are disproportionately exposed to a combination of health risks.

**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 prior to 2019).
- 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.

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<td>Organizations with an operating budget of $2 million dollars or over are not eligible (this includes hospitals and universities).</td>
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**Application Process**

- The online application may be accessed via our [website](#).
- Applications will be made available on August 23, 2021 and will remain open until April 8, 2022 (12 pm noon).
- A maximum of two requests can be submitted per organization for the fiscal year; one submission per cycle.

**Total Awards**

We anticipate making up to 16 grants in each cycle with individual grants up to $10,000 for a one-year term. There will be an equal amount of funds allocated for each cycle. Grant funding will be rolled over to next cycle, if allocated funding is not exhausted in the prior cycle.
Application Available: August 23, 2021

CYCLE 1
Application Deadline: September 24, 2021
Notify Applicants by: October 25, 2021

CYCLE 2
Application Deadline: January 14, 2022
Notify Applicants by: February 11, 2022

CYCLE 3
Application Deadline: April 8, 2022
Notify Applicants by: May 13, 2022

*All applications are due by 12 pm (noon).