

ACOR Grant Program FY22

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.*

Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants provide short-term support to projects and organizations that extend the mission and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Grants focus on improving health, wellness and quality of life in marginalized communities. Funding is limited to nonprofit organizations directly affiliated with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, Allegany Franciscan Associates or Trinity Health. Requests up to \$10,000 will be considered.

Grant requests may be submitted for either program **or** general operating support.

PROGRAM requests should be for specific projects and activities intended to improve health, wellness and quality of life for local, marginalized communities. Short-term support will be provided for new, current or expansion projects.

Examples:

- basic needs (food, shelter, clothing)
- employment skills
- nutrition education
- healthcare access
- environmental stewardship

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:

- one-time capacity needs such as strategic planning or technology upgrades
- organizational administrative or infrastructure costs, such as utilities, rent, personnel
- help to maintain core programs and essential staff

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 the following marginalized groups: BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color – People of color refers to any racial group or population that identifies as non-white), members of LGBTQ+ community, persons with disabilities, low-income populations and other historically disenfranchised groups;
- strive to incorporate the viewpoint of individuals who are served;
- focus on 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 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.
- Be “in good standing” with Allegany Franciscan Ministries (for organizations that have received one or more grants from Allegany Franciscan Ministries).

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 application process has changed. There are now two steps to the online grant application. First a brief, LOI (letter of intent) application must be completed. Second, if LOI is approved, you will be invited to complete a full application.

- Access grant applications via our web site, <http://www.afmfl.org>. From the Login menu, select Applicant/Grant Partner Login. If this is your first time applying, review [this information](#).
- If a prior ACOR application from the organization has been declined, it is strongly recommended you speak with us before submitting another request (see contact information below).
- Applications may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed in two cycles.

| | Fall Cycle | Spring Cycle |
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| LOI deadline | September 29, 2021 | March 30, 2022 |
| Full application deadline | Oct. 1, 2021 (noon) | April 1, 2022 (noon) |
| Decisions announced | November 2021 | May 2022 |

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, 727-507-0897.