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.

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.

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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.