



Allegany Community Out Reach (ACOR) Grants – FY21

Total: \$234,000

International:

Associação Franciscana de Instrução e Assistência (AFIA) Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil
Evangelization and the Presence of Franciscan Sisters in Riverside Communities in the Amazon Region \$10,000

Grant funds will help to purchase a vehicle for pastoral ministry of three Franciscan Sisters working in the Amazon. Work is centered at Our Lady of Nazareth Parish in Santarém. Travel between communities is long with dirt roads.

Convento Santa Dulce dos Pobres Ceres, Goias, Brazil
Combatting COVID-19 \$10,000

Provide baskets of food, hygiene products and cleaning supplies to families who have been affected by the economic crisis brought by the pandemic.

Franciscan Mission Service of North America Kingston, Jamaica
Lay Mission in Jamaica 2021 \$10,000

Support will cover expenses for three lay missionaries serving in Jamaica with health insurance, transportation, and monthly living stipends. Missionaries serve a variety of populations including the elderly, the economically poor, and substance abusers.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Brazil Anapolis, Goias, Brazil
Solidarity and Faith \$10,000

Support for community outreach project at Convento Mãe Admirável that helps low-income families. Food, hygiene and cleaning supplies, clothing, footwear, construction material, medicines, and school supplies will be distributed.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Brazil Region Quirinopolis, Goias, Brazil
Hopeful Families \$10,000

Grant funds will assist 50 families facing extreme poverty and vulnerability with food, clothing, medications and other basic needs.

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany – Jamaica Kingston, Jamaica
Water Harvesting and Sewerage Management Project \$10,000

Support for water collection and sewer management project to replace aging, unreliable system at Immaculate Conception, a 20+ acre property of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. The property includes two schools, a hostel, convent and chapel. Funds will be used for final phase of the project which includes building a 40,000 gallon concrete tank for water collection.

Mt. Alvernia High School Alumni Association – Central FL Chapter Tampa, FL
Technology for Low Income Students to Participate in Virtual Learning \$10,000

Purchase 30 Chromebooks with carrying cases so students can participate in online learning. All classes are currently online only and students come from families with low income.

St. Joseph’s Infant School Kingston, Jamaica
ICT Procurement for Teachers \$10,000

Funds will equip teachers with laptops to facilitate distance learning. Currently, teachers are using their cell phones. St. Joseph’s Infant School is located in downtown Kingston and serves many low-income families.

U.S. Province of the Religious of Jesus & Mary Jean Rabel, Haiti
Irrigation Project, Northwest Haiti \$10,000

Support construction costs for irrigation project that will provide water to families in Northwest Haiti. Water will be capped at its source in the mountains and a network of pipes will bring water to six distribution centers. Funding will pay for labor and supplies.

Village Partners International Mombin Crochu, Haiti
Healthy Futures Nutrition Program \$10,000

Funds will support staff salary of head nurse administering nutrition program in Haiti. Funding will also be used to pay for transportation expenses to travel to the mountainous communities in the Nord-Est Region of Haiti.

United States:

Brunswick County Homeless Coalition Ocean Isle Beach, NC
Rental Initiative to Prevent Evictions (RISE) \$10,000

Provide direct rent assistance to extremely low-income families who are facing an immediate, emergency need to keep their existing rental housing. An estimated 7-10 families will be served with funding.

Canticle Farm Allegany, NY
General Operating \$7,500

Funds will be used to purchase UTV (utility vehicle) for Certified Naturally Grown Farm to plant, tend and harvest crops. New UTV will replace aging, 10-year-old vehicle.

Daystar Life Center, St. Petersburg, FL
Healthy Choices for a Healthy Community \$5,000

Support for help with redesigning food pantry and purchasing healthier food options for clients with dietary concerns such as hypertension and diabetes.

Franciscan Action Network Washington, DC

Franciscan Solidarity Tables: A Local Social Justice Initiative \$10,000

Develop local advocacy groups comprised of Franciscans and community members networking and pooling talent and resources in the areas of human dignity, peacebuilding, and care for creation. Funding will support creation of a promotional video and pay for Zoom and website services.

Genesis House of Olean Olean, NY

General Operating \$5,000

Support for staff salaries for executive director and case manager who both provide direct assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Holy Cross Church Springfield, MA

Winter Clothing for Springfield's Homeless \$10,000

Funds will help to purchase coats, winter boots, hats, gloves and scarves for 200 people served weekly through weekly meal ministry program for people experiencing homelessness.

Holy Cross Hospital Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Catherine's Cupboard \$5,000

Support for employee food assistance program. Funding will be used for food transportation and storage including purchase of a refrigerator, freezer and equipment to transport food.

House of Prayer for All People/Peace Sanctuary King of Prussia, PA

General Operating \$10,000

Support for remodeling building that will accommodate an interfaith House of Prayer. This space will be used to pray for peace and reconciliation and engage the community.

Long Beach Island Community Center Long Beach Township, NJ

Operation Safe Play, \$10,000

Grant funds will help to replace the existing sand and rubber mulch at pre-school that serves primarily low-income families.

Northeast Health Foundation Albany, NY

Healing Our Community: Bolstering our Food "Farmacy" to Improve Health Outcomes for the Poor \$9,000

Purchase food to supply food "farmacy" program that serves patients of St. Peter's Health partners. Program will provide emergency three-day supply of food for up to 300 unique individuals who experience food insecurity.

Saint Joseph's Mercy Care Services Atlanta, GA

Women's Recuperative Care Program at City of Refuge \$10,000

Support program costs for women's recuperative care unit at homeless shelter for patients too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but not ill enough to be in a hospital. Funding will be used for utilities, security, office supplies, transportation assistance, incentives, clothing and household items.

Schools Sisters of Notre Dame Educational Center Woodhaven, NY

General Operating \$9,000

Funds will support salary of English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at center that serves women seeking to advance their education including a significant number of immigrants.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Miami Beach, FL

Mission Our Lady of the Way \$10,000

Assist families living in two trailer home parks with food, clothing, home repairs, medications, utilities, school supplies and immigration issues.

The Kind Mouse Productions St. Petersburg, FL

Alleviating Child Hunger in Pinellas County \$10,000

Support operational costs including staffing, supplies, transportation and rent for food access program for children ages 5-18. Need for services continues to increase.

United Interfaith Action of Southeastern Massachusetts Fall River, MA

Forming Leaders for Education and Equity in Bristol County \$10,000

Organization is a 14 member faith-based community improvement organization focusing on education, public safety, addiction and immigration. Funding will support staffing, food costs for gathering, and be used to provide direct emergency assistance for food, rent or utilities.

Virtua Health Foundation Marlton, NJ

General Operating \$3,500

Support for staffing at The Bridge. The Bridge offers programming, training and meaningful interactions to address behavioral health needs of youth and families.