



**Tau Grants – FY22**  
**Total \$500,000**

**Miami-Dade**

**A Chance for Therapy, Miami, FL**

**Website Redesign and Launch Children’s Therapy Program, \$10,000**

Grant will support updating the organizational website to be ADA compliant and creating an online application for parents. This project will increase accessibility and user-friendliness and improve the organization's ability to track data.

**ADOM Health Foundation, dba SSJ Health Foundation, Miami, FL**

**Consultation and Rebranding, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to engage a consulting service to co-create a strategic plan and help with a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign. Additionally, funds will help with rebranding the organization and will include a website redesign.

**Belafonte Tacolcy Center, Miami, FL**

**Technology Upgrade and Professional Development, \$10,000**

Belafonte Tacolcy Center serves its predominantly minority community in one of the highest areas of need in Miami-Dade County. It has a long and effective history of educational, preventative, and family development initiatives that prioritize cultural competency. Funds will be used for professional development training cost and technology and software upgrades.

**Beyond the Bars DBA Decarcerate Miami, Miami, FL**

**Expanding Alternatives to Incarceration, \$10,000**

Supports general operating expenses to solidify and expand work related to alternatives to incarceration. Beyond the Bars brings attention to the impact of the local carceral system on families and communities in Miami including predatory costs attached to incarceration and dismal jail conditions. Through transformative organizing, the organization identifies and trains community leaders.

**CLEO Institute, Miami, FL**

**Navigating Change Successfully with DEI and Project Management Training, \$10,000**

CLEO will invest in professional development training for its management team, related to project management and to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Grant funds will be used to elevate decision-making skills, communication techniques, and leadership qualities in order to successfully design, execute, and monitor the ambitious projects planned for the upcoming year. DEI Training for volunteer leadership, management team, and staff members will allow greater emphasis on advocacy work and more engagement with BIPOC individuals.

**Cornerstone Christian Center of Homestead FL DBA Bridge to Hope**, Miami, FL

**Build Capacity to Support Increased Demand for Services Through Improved Marketing and Storytelling, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to create quality and timely marketing content. This will help leverage partnerships, build a story bank, and create an annual marketing plan that can be replicated in the coming years. The grant will allow the organization to share the stories behind the data and educate the community about the everyday struggles experienced in the BIPOC community. This “friend raising” strategy will empower Bridge to Hope to strengthen volunteerism and individual donor support.

**Dream in Green (DIG)**, Miami, FL

**Water & Energy – Learning and Behavior Program, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to increase DIG’s personnel to conduct workshops, provide relevant professional development to ensure that all staff is properly trained and has an opportunity to learn from experts in the field, and are able to communicate and promote participation and engage residents in their own language. DIG programs educate and empower individuals to develop environmental solutions to issues and make informed and responsible decisions.

**EnFAMILIA**, Homestead, FL

**Building enFAMILIA’s Capacity for Today’s Digital Landscape, \$10,000**

EnFAMILIA services are provided as part of a place-based initiative and include care coordination, mental health counseling, out-of-school-time programming, arts education, nurturing parent program classes, and responsible fatherhood classes. Funds will be used to integrate a new CRM (customer relationship management) and follow website best practices for design and implementation to increase stakeholder engagement.

**Farmworker Association of Florida**, Miami, FL

**Improving Health in Farmworker Communities Through Building Local Food Systems, \$10,000**

Grant funds will support the Building Local Food Systems program contributing to the needed part-time maintenance position, supporting some supplies and infrastructure costs related to the herb garden and the community garden, and underwriting program administrative costs.

**Friends of the Underline**, Miami, FL

**A Path to DEI in Miami-Dade: Strategic Planning for the Underline, \$10,000**

The Underline corridor spans 10 miles below the Metrorail, which has created a physical division between racial/ethnic groups. When The Underline is complete, it will be an open, accessible green space with less physical barriers to entry. The grant will support a planning process and fundraising.

**Grove Rights and Community Equity (GRACE), Miami, FL**  
**Capacity Building Initiative, \$10,000**

GRACE is a fair and affordable housing coalition of Coconut Grove churches, civic associations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, tenants, and homeowners who advocate for those at risk of displacement, resegregation, gentrification, and individuals affected by the rapid decline in affordable housing and by the wider impacts of climate and social injustice. Funding will support start-up cost including developing a communication strategy, web development, and partnership development.

**Joshua's Heart Foundation, Miami, FL**  
**Health Improvement Program, \$10,000**

The Health Improvement Program advances the organization's ability to meet the need for food and support services for an increasing number of people facing food insecurity. Funds will help secure more high nutrient density food for the children/youth, hire personnel to meet the increased demand for food due to COVID-19, and employ a case manager who can help keep families advancing toward independence.

**Ladies Empowerment and Action Program (LEAP), Miami, FL**  
**LEAP Development Director Initiative, \$10,000**

LEAP started providing entrepreneurial classes to women in Florida State prisons. Three years ago, LEAP opened the Dragonfly Thrift Boutique, to provide employment and a "safe landing" for women fresh out of prison. The grant will partially fund a Director of Development.

**Mujeres Unidas en Justicia Educacion y Reforma, Naranja, FL**  
**One Stop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to provide essential training and mandatory certification to educate and develop staff and prepare a foundation to meet the rising challenges of the repercussions of violence. One Stop Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center is an accessible source of services that embody cross-cultural sensitivity.

**National Alliance to Nurture the Aged and Youth (NANAY), North Miami, FL**  
**Health Benefits Access for Asian-American Elders, \$10,000**

NANAY opened its Community Center in North Miami, and since then has been providing free supportive services to seniors and youth, including counseling, transport, computer classes, recreational activities, health sessions, community workshops and seminars for elders. NANAY serves mostly low income Asian-American elders. The grant will expand NANAY's current programs, increase health access, and strengthen its connection with the Asian-American community.

**Nora Sandigo Children Foundation (NSCF), Miami, FL**  
**Raising Capacity to Better Serve US Citizen Children with Undocumented Families, \$10,000**

NSCF focuses on children who have lost or are at risk of losing their parents to deportation and detention. Funding will be used for consulting services to hire a graphic artist to create and elevate the brand logo which will be used across all branding touchpoints.

**Open Door Health Center (ODHC), Homestead, FL**

**Electronic Medical Records Computer Hardware Upgrade, \$10,000**

Using the grant funds, ODHC will replace out-of-warranty/old equipment with new equipment that would meet the standards and have the capacity to manage the electronic medical records system. In addition, with electronic medical records, all existing paper medical records will be scanned then shredded and the current space housing the paper files will be freed up and reused as a patient examination room.

**Pridelines Youth Services, Miami, FL**

**Empowering Staff Identities, Equity, and Community, \$10,000**

Funds will be used to provide staff with DEI based trainings that will give them the skills needed to work with the vulnerable populations that are served. Employees, all of whom are part of the LGBTQ+ community, will be properly trained and able to better serve the community with which they work.

**Prosperity Social & Community Development Group, North Miami, FL**

**Prosperity Begins at Home, \$10,000**

This project will involve hiring a consultant to overhaul the accounting system and set it up to better manage multiple grants and programs. The consultant will also work with staff to develop processes and procedures to strengthen internal controls and help hire a part-time Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, a new computer, software, and supplies will be purchased to fully equip the new Chief Financial Officer's office.

**Sachamama, Miami, FL**

**The Climate Innovation Lab (CIL), \$9,500**

The CIL is a collaborative space to create a transformational movement of, by, and for communities of color. The program focuses on changing the climate narrative, from a victimized community to one of a change-maker, where communities do the self-exploration work needed to dismantle structural barriers to progress, build their resources, and improve their quality of life. Funds will enable the organization to finalize the production process of the last two new modules and purchase software to effectively manage the Climate Innovation Lab program.

**Suited for Success, Miami, FL**

**Staff and Board Development, \$7,000**

Suited for Success helps low-income individuals access healthcare and improve their health through programs that propel their clients to gainful employment and economic self-sufficiency. Funds will be used to support staff, volunteer, and board training and professional development.

**Urban Greenworks (UGW)**, Miami, FL

**The New Urban Greenworks: UGW Global, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to upgrade their back-end infrastructure which will include: updating website to WordPress, retaining an accounting firm to manage finances and related documentation, and completing organizational presentation and masterplan materials. Additionally, funds will support the hiring or training of part-time staff or student interns who can assist with the day-to-day, back-end management of programs, social media, marketing/advertising, participatory budgeting, or volunteer support.

**Urban Health Partnerships (UHP)**, Miami, FL

**Addressing Health Equity by Improving Internal and External Inclusivity of People with Disabilities, \$10,000**

Through the Healthy Streets and Public Spaces initiative, the emphasis is to improve mobility and access and use of public spaces for everyone of all ages and abilities. Disability Independence Group (DIG) will provide website accessibility improvements, conduct staff training, and consult with UHP on making the work more inclusive and supportive of people with disabilities.

**Urgent, Inc.** Miami, FL

**Capacity Building for Workforce Development, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to increase Urgent, Inc.'s capacity to provide for the planning, development, and establishment of a registered Youth Development Practitioner Apprenticeship (YDPA). The YDPA will develop essential skill sets and core competencies for youth-facing positions specifically related to afterschool and summer camp programming for school-aged youth, with a focus on increasing racial equity, access, and professional development of entry-level youth development professionals using a registered apprenticeship program (RAP) model.

**Palm Beach**

**Diabetes Coalition of Palm Beach County**, Riviera Beach, FL

**Know Your Numbers Diabetes Risk Assessment Screening Initiative, \$8,500**

Diabetes Coalition is a voluntary nonprofit alliance of over 50 health care organizations and community partners working together to prevent diabetes and improve the lives of people living with the disease through awareness, education, advocacy, and access to care.

**Esperanza Community Center**, West Palm Beach, FL

**Consultant Services, \$10,000**

The Esperanza Community Center provides services in the Northwood area of West Palm Beach, where the need is great. The grant will cover the cost of hiring a consultant to help the Executive Director and board members educate, design, and launch a fundraising campaign in order to raise awareness and funds for the Esperanza Community Center. A portion of the funds will help to pay for changes and additions to the Esperanza Community Center website.

**Florida Outreach Center for the Blind (FOCB), Palm Springs, FL**

**Website Redesign: Access for All, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to redesign its website, providing opportunities for the agency to improve quality of life for greater numbers of visually impaired residents in the community. The new website will improve its online presence and accessibility for people living with the challenges of visual impairment.

**Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization (GCDSO), Boynton Beach, FL**

**Bilingual Program Coordinator Staff Position, \$10,000**

Funds will be used to partially cover salary for the new Program Coordinator position. The position will help to expand capacity to serve more families especially those who are Spanish-speaking as well as their family base to help children with Down Syndrome of all ages reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

**Guatemalan Maya Center (GMC), Lake Worth, FL**

**Expansion of Outreach, \$10,000**

Grant funds will help to expand outreach services by paying a part-time staff member. The additional outreach person means resources will be accessible to even more community members, responding to any community need. Currently up to 1,400 low-income families per month receive services.

**Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL**

**Expanding Core Fundraising Infrastructure, \$10,000**

The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County is a unique organization whose sole purpose is to end homelessness in Palm Beach County through comprehensive programs, advocating, educating, and local collaborations. Funds will be used for grant writing and consulting fees.

**Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Stuart, FL**

**Market Awareness, \$10,000**

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition (MCHSC) has offered support and education to pregnant women and infants since February 1993. Grant funds will be used to engage with a PR and marketing firm to increase the awareness of their services.

**Morning Day Community Solutions (MCS), West Palm Beach, FL**

**MCS Hub/Computer Systems Upgrade, \$5,000**

The MCS Hub will be a third warehouse space for returned products that will function as a cross-dock storage facility and increase capacity to better serve nonprofit members. The new warehouse will allow inventory to be mobilized quickly. Grant funds will be used to upgrade the computer system to help fully utilize the Hub.

**Soil and Soul**, Wellington, FL

**Charging Station for the Soul: Mental Wellness Through Nature Personnel & Technology Capacity, \$10,000**

The program catalyzes wellness for people, nature, and community. It will make nature more accessible to people of color, including children and families living in urban areas who are disconnected from nature and its nourishment and healing. Grant funds will support personnel costs for an expansion of plant walks and allow an increase in weekly open hours. In addition, funds will be used to maintain its CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system, which furthers Soil & Soul's capacity to track and reach new and existing constituents, donors, supporters, and other stakeholders through dynamic storytelling, marketing, and fundraising features.

**The Giving Closet Project**, Riviera Beach, FL

**Palm Beach County Hub Site Coordinator, \$10,000**

The Giving Closet Project aims to increase student attendance by removing barriers related to access to clothing in good, clean condition and hygiene products. The grant will fund the Site Coordinator position for the 2021-2022 school year as well as consulting services for grant writing.

**Wounded Veterans Relief Fund**, North Palm Beach, FL

**Dental Program for Disabled Veterans, \$10,000**

Funds will be used to support staff time needed to grow the dental program. Staff are needed to process requests for services and work with dental practices and labs. This will result in an increase for the number of dental practices that work with the organization throughout the service area, creating a county-wide network of dentists that will provide needed dental care and dental labs that will offer a discounted rate.

**Tampa Bay**

**Created**, Tampa, FL

**New Communication Strategy, \$10,000**

Created was established in 2007 and supports women who have been sexually exploited. Created started as a street outreach program meeting women on the streets of Tampa. Funding will be used for website redesign and communication strategic planning.

**EmpowHERment**, Clearwater, FL

**EntrepreneuHER Academy, \$10,000**

The Academy is an eight-week program tailored to help entrepreneurs launch their business, hold one another accountable, and make real, tangible change. This grant will help more black and brown women to achieve a self-sufficient lifestyle. Participants will show proof of business, and receive a headshot, business proposal and opportunity to work directly with bank investors. Grant funds will be used for high-quality curriculum and instructors.

**Florida Harm Reduction Collective**, St. Petersburg, FL

**Capacity Building: Board Development & Governance, \$10,000**

Funds will be used to strengthen organizational structure through capacity building initiatives, specifically board development. The Board of Directors and Community Advisory Board will build skills through consultation, training, and coaching. Specific needs include evaluation, recruitment, fundraising, cultural competency, best practices for policy and governance, and grant writing.

**Florida Supportive Housing Coalition**, Tampa, FL

**Homes for All: Finding Housing for Your Clients, \$10,000**

The project consists of a one-day training on local assisted housing resources for mission-driven social service providers in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties. The goal is to increase the capacity of service providers to access housing resources on behalf of their populations. Participants will receive a comprehensive map of assisted housing resources, eligibility requirements, who administers them, and how to access them on behalf of their clients.

**Javamo Art for Autism dba Autism Shifts**, Tampa, FL

**The Green Zone Life's Fundraising Program, \$10,000**

Autism Shifts is launching a new program called "Green Zone Life" to help the Autism Community and other marginalized groups shift into greater emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. Organization will use the funds to create an online fundraising program to introduce the concept of the Green Zone Life to those both within and outside of their community.

**Positive Spin**, Tampa, FL

**Technology Equipment and Enhancement, \$10,000**

Positive Spin is a community-based social service agency that assists children and families to live healthy, stable, and productive lives. The programs offer a variety of youth services and programs designed to nurture children and empower families. Funds will be used for technology upgrades to increase the efforts to help engage family members as active decision makers in developing individualized plans that assess the family needs.

**Power Net of Dayton – DBA Power Net of Tampa**, Tampa, FL

**Operation Empower: Changing the Focus from the Problem to the Solution Phase, \$10,000**

Power Net of Tampa/Dayton serves persons currently, formerly and those at risk of incarceration by accessing human and social service systems to enhance their life. The "Reentry Information Management System" (RIMS) supports individuals returning to rural, suburban as well as urban communities. It centralizes evidenced-based, program tools and validates assessment instruments that the smaller, more numerous, social service and faith-based organizations don't have access to which allows them to now participate in this community-wide effort.

**Preserve Vision Florida**, Tampa, FL

**Vision Health Awareness, \$10,000**

Grant funds will support expansion of vision health awareness for adults and children through marketing and social media. A marketing contractor will develop key messages, enhance the website by creating an additional drop-down tab about vision risks using infographics and key data, and develop an ongoing social media effort using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other platforms.

**Reach Services**, St. Petersburg, FL

**Mobile Grocery Store, \$10,000**

The organization received a donated bus from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board to transform into a mobile grocery store. This "grocery store on wheels" will bridge physical, financial, and educational barriers in food security. Funds will be used to cover the cost of the bus driver needed to make this program possible, as well as to ensure the logistics of the bus route and community vendors and partners.

**Ready for Life (RFL)**, Largo, FL

**Ready to Begin – Purchasing a Cloud Badging Location Management System for Signing-In, \$5,000**

Grant funds will be used to purchase a Cloud Badging Location Management System which will help the organization to identify who is in the RFL Skill Center at any given time. The badging system provides an invaluable security service by registering visitors that come to the facility and allowing the ability to access past records of any visitor. This new system is more effective, more efficient, and safer for staff and clients.

**Self-Reliance**, Tampa, FL

**Deaf and Hearing Equipment, \$5,000**

This grant will allow Self-Reliance to purchase doorbell flashers, wake up alarms, a baby crying signaler, and smoke alarm flashers, providing safer environments for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**Southern Supportive Services (SSS)**, St. Petersburg, FL

**Food-Seed Bank and Victory Gardens, \$10,000**

SSS and its key stakeholders will use the funds for the following: to restore and expand the SSS South St. Petersburg 20,000 square foot, historic building, which serves as the Food Pantry for the Midtown Community; convert the Food Pantry with its limited space and over-used freezers-refrigerators; establish a well-stocked Food and Seed Bank with new appliances; and launch a SSS Community Outreach, Heirloom Seed and Victory Gardens program to inform, incentivize, educate and train clientele and Midtown and Southside residents to plant seeds and seedlings given by SSS and its stakeholders.

**St. Petersburg Pregnancy Center, St. Petersburg, FL**

**Medical Services Capacity Building and Expansion, \$10,000**

The center will expand medical services by offering well-woman exams and education on site, adding an Advance Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) and a Community Health Nurse to the staff. The expanded medical services will greatly enhance the Center's efforts to help eliminate racial disparities in birth outcomes, maternal mortality, and infant mortality rates. Grant funds will assist with staffing, medical equipment, technical enhancements, and staff training.

**Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative, St. Petersburg, FL**

**TBHC Collaborate Platform Enhancement, \$10,000**

Grant funds will help enhance the Collaborate digital platform for collaboration and integrate the platform with an updated website. This will include tracking services, events, initiatives by zip code, and improving alignment with 2022 Community Health Needs Assessments. An enhancement of TBHC Collaborate will further streamline the process of onboarding members to TBHC and instantly plug users into the greater Tampa Bay health equity ecosystem.

**The FitzLane Project, Odessa, FL**

**The Fitz...Lane to Success, \$10,000**

The FitzLane Project supports underprivileged transgender youth. Grants funds will provide legal support, review of the current therapeutic service agreement, establishment of policies and procedures when working with recipients under the age of 18 who do not have parental support or consent for therapeutic services, and facilitation of the 2022 Board of Directors meeting. In addition, community outreach will be enhanced, with increased brand awareness at outreach events through customized marketing materials such as a branded tent with sidewalls, tablecloths, and signage.

**The Greater Ridgecrest Area Youth Development Initiative, Largo, FL**

**Technology Initiative, \$10,000**

Funds provided will allow for a new website design which will include updated content, incorporate a donation feature through a secure network and allow clients to apply for services remotely. Additionally, the grant will be used for updating the existing Internet Technology infrastructure, including installing a firewall and access points to allow for proper Wi-Fi and hard-wired internet throughout their location, a network rack for the equipment and updated software and security for all computers, tablets and other devices.

**Willa Carson Health and Wellness Center, Clearwater, FL**

**Staff Expansion, \$10,000**

Grant funds will be used to hire a part-time nurse practitioner to increase access to medical care. The new position will provide wellness exams, routine appointments addressing conditions such as hypertension and diabetes, order lab work, and provide patient education, wellness presentations, referrals, prescriptions, etc. In addition to benefiting uninsured residents with continuity of care, increased access to care at the center will benefit the local hospital systems by decreasing the number of uninsured residents who present at the emergency room.