



**Tau Grants – FY23**  
**Total \$588,000**

**Miami-Dade**

**Aqua Foundation for Women, Miami, FL**

**General Operating, \$15,000**

AQUA Foundation for Women is Florida's only nonprofit organization specifically focusing on serving LGBTQ+ women. AQUA's priority areas are leadership and education, health and wellness, and community building. Funding will support a resource and networking event, TransCon, a two-day event for the transgender community, and legal services for people who need assistance with legal name changes and other issues.

**Believers of Authority Ministries, Inc. Miami, FL**

**General Operating \$15,000**

Believers of Authority Placement Services is an expertise job placement and job readiness entity with the mission to provide individuals with suitable employment for financial independence. Grant funds will be used for client trainings, staff salaries, rent, office supplies, insurance for staff, and marketing and community outreach.

**Buddy System MIA, Miami, FL**

**General Operating, \$15,000**

Buddy System emphasizes art for social change and community organizing with the goal of creating lasting change by addressing local issues by the community, for the community. Programming includes 10 Community Fridges painted by local artists that provide free, healthy food throughout Miami. Funds will help cover staff salary, new Community Fridges, food pantry upgrades, and other operating expenses.

**Children's Bereavement Center Inc. (CBC), Miami, FL**

**Organizational Name Change & Rebrand, \$15,000**

Children's Bereavement Center's work has evolved beyond its original focus on children who had experienced the death of a close loved one such as a parent, sibling, or grandparent. CBC now works with children, teens, and adults to adjust to life after the loss of a loved one with a supportive community of peers, and the promotion of healthful grief. Community training is part of this work. Grant funding will be used to work with a graphic designer, file new trademark and update marketing collateral and materials with the new name.

**Fanm Saj, Inc,** Miami, FL

**Building a Restorative Justice Ecosystem, \$15,000**

The mission of Fanm Saj is to provide families across the African Diaspora with cultural and wellness tools as well as social and political resources to nourish themselves, their families, and communities. Grant funds will support staff salaries, youth stipends, program supplies, social media support, and outreach materials for program.

**Health in the Hood,** Miami, FL

**Urban Farming and Wellness Programs, \$15,000**

Health in the Hood connects food insecure communities to nutritious food and health education. Funds will support the three program areas: urban farming, wellness, and food distribution programs.

**ICU Baby,** Key Biscayne, FL

**Expansion of NICU Parent Mentor Program to Allow for Growth, \$15,000**

ICU Baby provides emotional, financial, and informational support so that NICU babies and families can thrive together. Grant funding will support recruitment, onboarding, and training of culturally and linguistically appropriate mentors, integrating them into hospital rounds and engaging them in other NICU parent support. This will also allow senior level NICU Parent Mentors to take on leadership roles.

**Mind&Melody,** Miami, FL

**Increasing Capacity & Efficiency Through New Technology, \$15,000**

Mind&Melody offers interactive, intergenerational music programs in healthcare facilities, nursing homes, day centers, and assisted living facilities. Grant funds will help cover the implementation of new financial controls including a CPA to complete monthly bank reconciliations, and categorize transactions and grant allocations.

**Southern Scholarship Foundation,** Tallahassee, FL

**Education for Life: Rent-Free Housing Scholarship Program, \$10,000**

Southern Scholarship Foundation aims to reduce the financial burden of college for marginalized families by providing rent-free housing for students. Funds will be used to overhaul the agency's website. The redesign is expected to improve potential donors', students', and stakeholders' understanding of the program's rich history, success stories, and community engagement.

**The Alliance for LGBTQ Youth,** North Miami, FL

**General Operating, \$13,000**

The Alliance for LGBTQ Youth has a mission of creating a service delivery system to address the needs of the community's LGBTQ youth. The challenges these youth face are the result of the mistreatment and stigmatization that many LGBTQ youth experience within their families, at school, and in other spaces in the community. Grant funds will be used for general operating allowing the organization to dedicate more resources to the mental health, youth leadership, and advocacy programs.

**The Roots Collective Corporation**, Miami, FL

**Teen Summer Academy, \$15,000**

The Roots Collective promotes social awareness in black and brown communities while improving youth opportunities through programming and assisting the economic growth of small businesses. Funds support program expenses and stipends for teens who complete the program to use for school shopping.

**The Shop Docs**, Miami, FL

**General Operating and Capacity Building Barbershop Project, \$12,500**

The Shop Docs mission is to eliminate health disparities in minority communities through prevention and education. Programming includes barbershop/salon-based sessions offering health screenings (blood pressure, blood glucose and referrals to other community services), access to physician counseling, and health education. This funding will support screenings at four barbershops in Miami.

**Thrive & Blossom, Inc.**, Miami, FL

**Technology & Consultants, \$15,000**

Thrive & Blossom supports people with mental health disabilities, mostly adults. Many who have mental disabilities do not work, have limited social interactions increasing isolation and have challenging relationships with their families. Grant funds will be used for website and social media design and consultants.

**Palm Beach**

**Center for Hearing and Communication (CHC)**, Palm Beach, FL

**Filling Gaps and Building Bridges \$15,000**

Center for Hearing and Communication provides services from assistive technology devices, mental health support, case management, educational afterschool and summer programs and workforce support to empower the deaf and hard of hearing community and their families. Grant funds will support expansion efforts to include staffing, infrastructure upgrades, and expert knowledge from a credentialing resource.

**Christian Community Care Center**, Stuart, FL

**Expansion, \$15,000**

Due to the high need for dental services, the clinic space has expanded. As part of the expansion, additional staff will be hired, and facilities will be modernized increasing the number of patients served. Grant funds will be used to buy equipment including the purchase of five new dental chair arm delivery units, ten chairs for dentists and dental assistants, a new x-ray sensor, and maintenance on six x-ray machines.

**Connect to Greatness, (C2G),** Lantana, FL

**General Operating \$15,000**

C2G provides programs, training, and events to Black boys and their families to ignite their curiosity and creativity with an innovative mindset and to empower them to be leaders and changemakers in their communities. Grant funds will support the hiring of a full-time executive director and an administrative assistant.

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

**General Operating \$15,000**

Esperanza Community Center serves day laborers and their families. Funding will support the purchase of equipment including a desktop computer with greater memory and storage capacity, laptop, and scanner for data and record management, and will also be used to develop an internal network infrastructure for greater data privacy and security and to purchase a data management system for tracking and monitoring of program metrics.

**Hands Together for Haitians,** Lake Worth Beach, FL

**Haitian CPR Training Project, \$9,000**

Hands Together for Haitians assists Haitian immigrants with education, tools, resources, and guidance as they acclimate to living in the U.S. There is a lack of educational materials available in Haitian Creole, a lack of basic health knowledge, varying degrees of illiteracy, and transportation difficulties that often prevent individuals from attending educational activities. This initiative will train staff and volunteers in CPR and offer trainings to the community.

**Healthy Start of St. Lucie County,** Fort Pierce, FL

**Nurse Family Partnership, \$15,000**

Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County's primary goal is to reduce infant mortality and poor birth outcomes. Grant funds will be used for personnel and programmatic expenses for the Nurse Family Partnership program.

**Jack the Bike Man,** West Palm Beach, FL

**The Future of Fund Development Success, \$15,000**

Jake the Bike Man provides support, training, and access to bicycles to underserved youth, people who are unhoused, individuals re-entering society from incarceration, individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol use disorders, those aging out of foster care, and those living in poverty. Grant funds will be used to contract with a management consulting firm that specializes in fundraising including major gifts, capital campaigns and annual fund development, and grant writing.

**Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group, Inc.,** Lake Worth, FL

**Building Capacity for Sustainability, \$15,000**

Lake Worth West Resident Planning Group supports families and provides wellness, cultural and educational programs in a low-income community of color. The organization is aiming to establish a reliable nonprofit fund development plan relevant to communities of color with measurable milestones over three years. Grant funds will be used for a graphic designer, part-time development/event coordinator, and outreach and printed materials for fundraising events.

**Lighthouse for the Blind of the Palm Beaches**, West Palm Beach, FL

**Capacity Building/Donor Cultivation Campaign, \$15,000**

Lighthouse for the Blind of Palm Beaches' strategic plan includes purchasing a building and creating a permanent home in Palm Beach County. To do this, a consultant will be engaged to create and develop new planned giving/donor cultivation collateral materials for donor presentations and for use on social media with the goal of having a strong, diverse donor base and establishing a major gifts program to be able to raise funds to purchase a building.

**Milagro Foundation Inc.**, Delray Beach, FL

**Junior Teen Van, \$15,000**

Funds will support the purchase a new 15-seat passenger van for the Junior Teen Leadership Program which serves middle school students. The van will be used to take students on enrichment activities and field trips, transport them to public performances around the community, and to transport some of them from school and from the local TriRail station to the middle school center.

**Mona's Transportation of South Florida, Inc.**, Stuart, FL

**Provide A Ride, \$15,000**

Martin County has limited public transportation services, with only five fixed routes serving the entire county. Many individuals with disabilities are unable to utilize public transportation services. Mona's Transportation provides door-to-door transportation services for those with limitations. Grant funds will support operating costs including fuel, preventative maintenance, and insurance.

**New Horizons Service Dogs, Inc. (NHSD)**, West Palm Beach, FL

**Team Training and Lifetime Support, \$15,000**

New Horizons Service Dogs provides hope and independence for people with disabilities by building and nurturing successful partnerships. Dogs are all task-trained service dogs. Most recipients have serious medical conditions, live isolated lives, and are dependent on others for even the smallest acts of daily living. These around-the-clock helpers have a powerful, positive effect on all areas of life: sleep, rest, health management, self-care, and social participation. Grant funds will help provide new recipients with the life-enhancing support of a certified service dog.

**Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) Inc.**, Boynton Beach, FL

**Data-Driven Capacity Building Project, \$15,000**

In order to improve quality data collection and accurate reporting of results, P2P is utilizing grant funds to help plan, build and implement a data management and outcomes tracking system, as well as engage and train all staff to understand the role data plays in the work and the role each of them plays in accurately tracking results.

**The Motivational Edge**, Fort Pierce, FL

**Art with Animals Healing Program for Kids with High Trauma, \$15,000**

The Motivational Edge provides innovative arts-based youth development programs. Art with Animals Healing Program provides a therapeutic and healing experience for children who have experienced trauma, creating a safe and supportive environment where children can explore their creativity and develop positive relationships with both animals and adults. Grant funds will be used for staff salaries, program supplies, food for the animals, and transportation.

**Tampa Bay**

**ALK of FL Inc, dba The Resource Empowerment Centre (The REC)**, Tampa, FL

**Capacity Building, \$15,000**

Grant funding will be used to support general operating and to streamline fiscal management systems and processes through enhanced technology. The technology enhancements will make data readily available for funders, inspections, audits, and assist with the transfer of data to other resource providers.

**Calvary Community Clinic**, Tampa, FL

**Addressing Diabetic Eye Disease, \$10,000**

The clinic provides free primary health care including diagnosis, treatment, medications, vision exams and care, as well as laboratory tests for residents within Hillsborough County. Grant funds will provide patients with basic eye exams and, when needed, an advanced eye exam. Funds will be used for ophthalmologist consultations, eye exams, and eye glass vouchers.

**Florida Resurrection House**, St. Petersburg, FL

**Capacity Building, \$15,000**

Florida Resurrection House works to end the cycle of generational poverty for families in Tampa Bay by using a trauma-informed care model that focuses on resiliency-building within a two-generation approach. This grant will cover a portion of the salary for their administrative and program outreach coordinator.

**GRACE Community Medical Center**, Tampa, FL

**Closing the Gap: Customizing Your Healthcare!, \$15,000**

GRACE Medical Center seeks to make healthcare accessible to all irrespective of their ability to pay and their status in society. Grant funds will support the build out of newly donated space and enable the purchase needed for equipment (electronic health record system and laptops) so more community members can be served.

**Gulf Coast Dental Outreach**, Tampa, FL

**General Operating, \$15,000**

The clinic serves uninsured dental patients at or below 150% of the federal poverty line. Patients receive dental health education, cleanings, fillings, crowns, and dentures as needed, as well as specialized treatments. A dental health coordinator position will be added to help patients overcome potential barriers that prevent them from receiving the care they need.

**Lighthouse of Pinellas**, Largo, FL

**Development of a New Program Evaluation and Outcome Framework for Programs and Services, \$10,000**

Lighthouse of Pinellas cares for children, adults, and seniors who live in Pinellas County that are blind or visually impaired. Grant funds will pay consultant fees to train program staff, leadership, and clients in a new program evaluation and outcome framework that is crucial to the growth of the agency.

**Mrbubblez**, Tampa, FL

**General Operating, \$2,500**

Mrbubblez provides a safe place for the homeless, or those at risk of becoming homeless, to take a hot shower, and receive clean clothing, new undergarment, socks, and a hygiene bag in order to regain dignity and hope to place them back into self-sufficiency. Funding will be used for supplies and general operating support.

**Positive Family Partners, Inc.**, Tampa, FL

**Capacity Building, \$11,000**

Positive Family Partners provides direct services to children and families. Funding will be used to secure an audit, purchase a new computer and software, and access tech support. The ability to expand capacity will help to increase outreach to children and families in need.

**Seed of Opportunity and Success Inc.**, Wimauma, FL

**General Operating, \$15,000**

Seed of Opportunity and Success develops entrepreneurship training for vulnerable families in Wimauma in order to help advance the local community. Grant funds will be used to create a recycling services cooperative and support operating expenses such as computer equipment, website development, consulting services, and furniture.

**St. George Clinic, Inc.**, Tampa, FL

**2022 Health Care Improvement Project, \$15,000**

This volunteer-run clinic in Hillsborough County serves low-income patients with no insurance. Grant funds will help purchase medical and dental instruments including a handheld dental x-ray machine, ultrasound machine, blood pressure and vitals monitoring machine, and general dental instruments.

**St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Church**, Tampa, FL

**Clean Water Connection, \$15,000**

Due to the growing numbers of the church members and the old age of the well water filtration system, the church will be connecting to the city water system. Grant funds will be used to cover associated expenses with converting to the city water system.

**The Modern Griot Corporation, St. Petersburg, FL**

**General Operating, \$15,000**

The Modern Griot Corporation works with communities and organizations to improve families' mental and emotional well-being through wrap-around services such as wellness coaching, peer-support, life skills training, and community programming. The organization's goal is to certify a minimum of 19,000 people to become Mental Health First Aiders within five years. Funds will be used for personnel, marketing material, and liability insurance.

**Underground Clinic Inc, Tampa, FL**

**Community Health Alliance, \$15,000**

The Underground Clinic provides mental health services, medical services, and care coordination to patients from marginalized and minority communities. The clinic has established working partnerships with several community organizations who serve the same clients. Grant funds will be used for planning and implementation of off-site/mobile operations.

**Van Gogh's Palette, Inc. dba Vincent House, Pinellas Park, FL**

**General Operating, \$15,000**

Vincent House assists, promotes, and celebrates individuals recovering from mental illness in their effort to improve social and vocational skills, and obtain employment. Grant funds will be spent on new computers. New workstations will increase attendance and productivity of members which will include more learning around budgeting, research on available jobs, resume building, and skill-building in general.

**Your Abundant Life, Apollo Beach, FL**

**Empower 2025, \$15,000**

Your Abundant Life offers support groups and mentorship for women in unplanned pregnancies, and now plans to go beyond pregnancy and help women succeed in life. Grant funds will be used to create Mama Starter Kits. Each kit will include a crib, car seat, stroller, clothes, diapers, wipes, etc. to help moms be successfully launched into motherhood. Additionally, funds will support staffing to provide case management and offer finance classes, career support, and scholarships to further education.