

ACOR Grant Program FY24

Program Description

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 or [Allegany Franciscan Associates](#), or that are a ministry of [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. Examples include nutrition education, food, shelter and clothing, and employment skills. General operating requests support the organization's overall mission and goals and should help strengthen the organization or further its charitable purposes. Examples include strategic planning, technology upgrades, infrastructure costs such as utilities, rent and personnel.

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;
- focus on environment.

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.

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.

Application Process

There are 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
LOI deadline	September 28, 2023	March 28, 2024
Full application deadline	Oct. 2, 2023 (noon)	April 1, 2024 (noon)
Decisions announced	November 2023	May 2024

Descriptions of recently awarded grants are on the [Grants Awarded](#) page of our website.

Still have questions about ACOR Grants? Contact Erin Baird, Director of Grants at ebaird@afmfl.org, 727-507-9668.

About Allegany Franciscan Ministries:

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is rooted in the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, providing grants and working with community partners primarily in Florida where the Sisters opened hospitals in the early 1900's. Allegany has invested over \$118 million to more than 1800 organizations serving people who have been historically marginalized in our communities. In addition to awarding grants, Allegany's staff and volunteers work collaboratively with community partners and other funders toward the vision that the communities it serves will become ever more just, equitable, and caring; and that everyone in its communities will be welcomed and have the resources to thrive. A part of Trinity Health, Allegany's mission is to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within communities served.