



**Allegany
Franciscan
Ministries**

A Member of Trinity Health

**St. Clare Grants – FY23
Total \$834,500**

Americans for Immigrant Justice, Miami, FL

General Operating Support, \$50,000

Americans for Immigrant Justice is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and protecting immigrants' rights in the United States with significant roots in Florida. With a mission rooted in justice, equality, and dignity, AIJ works to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform, provide free legal services, and support immigrant communities. For 27 years they have advanced the rights of immigrants through direct legal representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy, and educational outreach. This grant will help fund the organization's operations so they can continue helping individuals secure immigration status, work authorizations, drivers' license, and travel documents, that will allow them to live safely, achieve economic independence, and establish a sense of belonging in our community.

BayCare Health System, Clearwater, FL

Faith Community Nursing, \$90,000

Faith Community Nurses form a unique partnership between two healing entities – hospitals and faith communities. As part of its mission, BayCare is dedicated to assisting faith communities in developing health ministries that promote wellness and wholeness by addressing emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. For 2023-2024, BayCare will continue building partnerships with faith-based community organizations to expand the program's ability to reach additional underserved populations. Funding will be used to provide community-based health services.

BayCare Health System, Clearwater, FL

Medication Assistance Program (MAP), \$50,000

The Medication Assistance Program (MAP) was initiated in 2017 as a free, community-wide service designed to facilitate access to programs that reduce the cost of medications to the consumer. The population served includes low-to-moderate income households (those on Medicaid, county insurance, uninsured, underinsured, and some Medicare patients). Funds will support several different programs offered through MAP which include drug recovery, patient assistance, copay assistance, and discharge medication.

BayCare Health System Clearwater, FL

Pinellas Hope Health, \$60,000

Hope Health is co-located on the grounds of Pinellas Hope, an outdoor homeless community managed by the Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg. The Medical Respite Program (MRP), operated by St. Anthony's Hospital and also co-located on the grounds of Pinellas Hope, provides a safe, secure place to heal and recover with respect and dignity after an acute hospital encounter for patients with no permanent or transitional housing available at discharge. Patients are referred from Pinellas BayCare Hospitals. The MRP provides wound care, antibiotics, assistance with medication management, scheduling and attending medical follow-up appointments, and a place to simply regain strength after a hospitalization. Funds will be used to support Pinellas Hope Health in providing health care services to individuals residing at Pinellas Hope, including the Medical Respite Program, and to hire a Behavioral Health Liaison to provide behavioral health services to the residents.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Venice, FL

Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief, \$10,000

Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice serves the Florida counties most impacted by Hurricane Ian including Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Sarasota, Hendry, and Glades. Grant funding will support emergency relief efforts in multiple locations for those most impacted. In addition to emergency relief, Catholic Charities offers needs assessments, financial assistance, mental health counseling, and housing. These efforts will help victims survive in the short term and help them rebuild their lives for the medium and long term.

CareBag, Port St. Lucie, FL

General Operating Support, \$50,000

CareBag serves people who are experiencing homelessness, and others in need, with hygiene services including two mobile shower units and a mobile hygiene pantry. The program empowers individuals by removing the barriers of shame, discrimination, and bullying, so they can focus on their future without fear of personal hygiene issues holding them back. Funds will be used for general operating support which includes maintaining a well-stocked shower and hygiene pantry to cater to the demand.

Compass Community Center, Lake Worth Beach, FL

General Operating Support, \$50,000

Compass started in 1988 as the Stop AIDS Project, and became the LGBTQ community center for Palm Beach County. Organization provides direct services to approximately 100,000 people each year between HIV testing, HIV/AIDS case management, mental health services, youth and senior programming, and support groups like bereavement and AA. Compass also offers DEI trainings to municipalities, governmental agencies, nonprofits and corporations focusing on gender expression and gender identity. Funds will be used for general operating support to help ensure their current staff has the resources they need to provide services and programs six days a week.

Florida Catholic Conference (FCC), Tallahassee, FL

Health Desk Collaboration and Advocacy \$25,000

Florida Catholic Conference collaborates with health ministry and diocesan leaders and representatives from state and national advocacy groups to develop policies that enhance state health policies. Anticipated focus areas for 2022-2023 include supporting coverage expansion and increased access to needed health care for Florida's most economically and socially vulnerable residents and engaging with U.S. Conference Catholic Bishops and Catholic Health Association to stabilize the Affordable Care Act marketplace and ensure continued federal funding of the Medicaid program. Grant funding supports staffing of the Health Desk.

Florida Nonprofit Alliance (FNA), Jacksonville, FL

Memberships for Current Grant Partners – Spring 2022, \$12,000

Grant funds will be used to pay for two years of membership with Florida Nonprofit Alliance for 24 of Allegany Franciscan Ministries' Spring 2022 grant partners or give a credit of \$500 total over two years for existing FNA members.

Florida Philanthropic Network, Inc. (FPN), Tampa, FL

2023 Membership and Operational Support, \$10,000

Florida Philanthropic Network is a statewide association of grantmakers working to build philanthropy for a better Florida. FPN's members are private independent, corporate and family foundations, community foundations, public charity grantmakers and corporate giving programs - from Miami to Jacksonville; Naples to Pensacola who invest annually in Florida to improve the quality of life for citizens. Grant funds will be used for Allegany Franciscan Ministries' 2023 membership dues and to provide general operating support.

Florida Voices for Health, Boynton Beach, FL

Health Care for Florida, \$100,000

Florida Voices for Health is a health advocacy organization working to increase access to health care for low-income and middle-income Floridians and they do this primarily through story collection among impacted people and coalition building across all health care stakeholders. They focus on strengthening Florida Medicaid, increasing access to oral health, increasing access for people with disabilities, and improving consumer protections. Grant funds will support a year-long campaign: Health Care for Florida, in partnership with two other statewide partners, Florida Policy Institute, and Florida Health Justice Project. This collaborative will engage Floridians in a broader health advocacy infrastructure that deepens Floridians' participation in health care advocacy.

Franciscan Center, Tampa, FL

Access, Welcome, Hospitality & Resilience, \$75,000

The Franciscan Center has been a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and welcomes individuals from all walks of life who seek a deeper relationship with God in a peaceful, healing, and joyful environment. Grant funds will support a staff position focused on promoting the center and deepening partnerships with Catholic parishes and schools, veterans, and artist groups. Additionally, renovations will be made to the main building to improve accessibility and security for program participants and visitors.

NETWORK Education Program, Washington, DC

2022 Voter Campaign – White Supremacy and American Christianity Virtual Event, \$2,500

Earlier in 2022, thousands of justice-seekers participated in NETWORK Education Programs' hybrid model workshop to hear from experts noted for their work at the intersection of race, white supremacy, and religion. Two of those experts returned for a conversation moderated by NETWORK's Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer. This online event was an important and enlightening dialogue ahead of the 2022 midterm elections as a way to continue learning about the intersection of white supremacy and American Christianity, with a focus on politics. Funds used to support underwriting one of the speaker fees for the online event.

Pinellas Community Foundation, Clearwater, FL

Hurricane Ian Support, \$100,000

Pinellas Community Foundation is the fiscal agent and lead partner for The Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund which was created during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic as a safe, reliable depository for funders as well as other donors to contribute funds, and as a collective and relatively nimble way of getting funds back to where they are needed. This fund has been reactivated to meet the needs of neighboring counties most impacted by the devastating effects of Hurricane Ian.

Pinellas Opportunity Council, St. Petersburg, FL

General Operating Support, \$50,000

Pinellas Opportunity Council (POC) is a member of the National Community Action Partnership, a network of some 1,100 private, non-profit, and public Community Action Agencies created under the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to combat poverty throughout the United States. The organization envisions a community in which every individual is self-sufficient and empowered to help spark positive change in local neighborhoods. Grant funds will provide additional equipment and support to service their clients within the community.

Positive Spin, Tampa, FL

General Operating Support and Capacity Building of Staff, \$50,000

Positive Spin's mission is to actively engage, uplift, and empower families in their neighborhoods. Key program objectives include: Empowering families with skills, resources, and opportunities needed to achieve long-term economic stability; Enhancing the overall well-being of individuals and families by addressing their physical, emotional, and social needs; Aspiring to improve educational outcomes for children and youth in the community by providing access to quality educational resources, mentoring programs, and academic support; and Creating lasting and sustainable impact in the community. Grant funds will provide general operating support and include support for technology, payroll expenses, administrative staff salaries and professional development which will support fees and expenses for staff to attend the National Black Child Development Conference.

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Stuart, FL

General Operating Support, \$50,000

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, modeled after the first VIM Clinic in Hilton Head, SC, serves low-income adults without medical insurance residing in Martin County and utilizes highly skilled medical professionals who volunteer their time for a variety of specialties. Volunteers supplement a small staff which provides free primary patient care, and coordinates the free comprehensive care provided by in-house volunteers and off-site specialists and diagnostic services. Grant funds will be used for general operating support to provide quality primary and specialty comprehensive medical care, including mental health for vulnerable high-risk populations in their community without access to healthcare.