**Tau Grants FY24 – General Operating/Capacity Building**

**Our mission:** We, Allegany Franciscan Ministries and Trinity Health, serve together in the spirit of the Gospel as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities.

**Our Vision:** The communities we serve will become ever more just, equitable, and caring; everyone in our communities will be welcomed and have the resources to thrive.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries’ FY24 Tau Grants will support *unrestricted general operating* or *organizational capacity-building needs* for organizations that provide services to the following marginalized groups: BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color), LGBTQ+, and/or individuals with disabilities. People of Color refers to any racial or ethnic group or population that identifies as non-white.
Priority will be given to organizations focused and actively working on one or more of the following issues:

1. **Access to Healthcare**: Healthcare access is the ability to obtain healthcare services such as diagnosis, prevention or treatment that’s affordable and convenient.
   - Examples may include organizations focused on providing health services to underinsured or uninsured patients or assisting with health insurance enrollment.

2. **Civic Engagement**: Civic engagement refers to the ways in which citizens participate in the life of a community in order to help shape the community’s future.
   - Examples may include organizations focused on movement building, re-entry efforts, electoral participation, or advocacy.

3. **Economic Mobility and Opportunity**: Economic mobility can be defined as how an individual’s financial well-being changes over a certain period of time. Generally, well-being is defined in terms of income, earnings, or assets.
   - Examples may include organizations focused on job training/placement, entrepreneurship, social assistance, or financial literacy.

To be considered for funding ALL of the following criteria must apply to the organization:

1. The organization did not receive Tau Grant funding in Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 or Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.

2. At least 50% of the organization’s population served falls within the marginalized groups identified.

3. At least 25% of staff leadership (leadership team as you define it) includes individuals who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQ+, or persons with a disability.

**Eligibility**

To be considered for funding, the organization must meet the following basic requirements:

- Have received a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service confirming its exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Serve residents of one or more of the following counties: Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Hillsborough, and Pinellas.
- Be willing and able to comply with all requirements of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Grant Agreement (see sample agreement).
Limitations

- Organizations with an operating budget of $2 million or over are not eligible (this includes hospitals and universities).
- Not available for individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, van/automobiles, etc.), or endowments.
- Not available for organizations who have received Tau grant funding in Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 or Fall 2022 – Spring 2023.

Total Awards

We anticipate making up to 26 grants total (13 per cycle) with individual grants up to $15,000 for a one-year term. There will be an equal amount of funds allocated for both cycles.

Application Process

The online application may be accessed through the Apply link. If this is your first time applying, review the How To Apply information first.

The FY24 process will include two different request type opportunities – only one option can be selected on the application:

- **Capacity Building**: Available only to organizations who have never received funding from Allegany Franciscan Ministries.

- **General Operating**: Available only to organizations who have previously received funding from Allegany Franciscan Ministries through one of our grant programs.

**A maximum of one request can be submitted per organization for the fiscal year.**
# Application Dates

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