

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

Cycle 1 (2023)	Cycle 2 (2024)
Webinar - August 22, 2023 at 10 am	
Available – Monday, August 28 th	Available – Monday, January 22 nd
Office Hours – August 28 – September 22	Office Hours – January 22 – February 15
Deadline – Wednesday, September 27 th	Deadline – Wednesday, February 21 st
Deliberation Period – Sept. 28 – Oct. 20	Deliberation Period – Feb. 22 – Mar. 15
Decisions Announced – Week of October 23 rd	Decisions Announced – Week of March 18 th
Feedback Period – October 30 – November 10	Feedback Period – March 25 – April 5