



Allegany Franciscan Ministries, Inc.

Miami-Dade Region

2010 Major Grant Pre-Application Kit

*All people have a right to life and to secure the basic necessities of life
(e.g., food, clothing, shelter, education, health care,
safe environment, economic security).*

*~ A Catholic Framework for Economic Life,
Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops*

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Attachment ~ Pre-Application Form (sample copy)

The Pre-Application Form is available to download from our Web site at www.afmfl.org

I. About Allegany Franciscan Ministries

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is a non-profit Catholic organization focused on improving the overall health status of individuals through increasing access to health services and information. Guided by the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, and a member of Catholic Health East, Allegany Franciscan Ministries provides grants to organizations in three regions of Florida: Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie Counties, and the Tampa Bay area of Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

Our mission:

This Catholic organization, guided by the mission and rooted in the tradition and vision of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, is a catalyst for systemic change by committing resources and working collaboratively with others to promote physical, mental, spiritual, societal and cultural well-being in communities served.

Our values:

We believe and commit ourselves to:

- ❖ Seeing issues and problems through a wide lens so that the marginalized do not escape our view
- ❖ Addressing the root cause of social problems by nurturing an environment of well-being and self-sufficiency
- ❖ Collaborating with others by drawing upon all of our strengths to secure what is best for the common good
- ❖ Being in relationship with our sisters and brothers who are experiencing life's challenges
- ❖ Pursuing creative and innovative solutions which provide for an alternative future society
- ❖ Advocating on behalf of women, the economically poor and those oppressed by unjust structures
- ❖ Promoting a healthy environment, be it physical, social or spiritual

Our objectives:

- ❖ To promote health services that heal the whole person
- ❖ To provide service, education, and advocacy that build healthier communities, uniting the communities served and promoting non-violence and justice in these communities
- ❖ To maintain interconnectedness with the communities we serve by continuously evaluating the needs of the community
- ❖ To promote initiatives that affirm our mission and values and those of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany
- ❖ To affirm the value of life in all of its forms and at all stages

II. Pre-Application Instructions

The Major Grant application process involves two distinct competitive phases, beginning with this pre-application and followed by a full application by invitation only.

The pre-application must be received via e-mail transmission no later than 12:00 noon on March 5, 2010. We strongly urge you to submit prior to the deadline day to avoid unexpected last minute problems or transmission delays.

A sample copy of the Pre-Application Form is attached to this kit. Please download the form from our Web site as a MS WORD® document. Answer all questions directly in the form. Use a minimum 12-point font and do not exceed four (4) pages in total.

Name and save your Pre-Application with your organization's name followed by the code *MDpre2010* (for example, *PeaceEducationMDpre2010.doc*).

Submit one copy of the complete Pre-Application electronically as a MS WORD® document, to the following e-mail address: grants@afmfl.org.

If you have any difficulty completing the Pre-Application form, contact Miguel Milanés at 305-576-1488, or by e-mail at mmilanés@afmfl.org

III. 2010 Miami-Dade Region Grant-making

What Do Major Grants Fund?

Allegany Franciscan Ministries' Major Grants are intended to fund organizations, programs or initiatives that are strategically aligned with our mission and regional goals. Our 2010 grants will support community-based non-profit organizations working to achieve systemic change, social justice, and community health and well-being. We desire to increase access to health services and improve the overall health of our communities by funding organizations, programs and initiatives that address the needs of underserved, marginalized or economically poor persons in Miami-Dade County.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries defines health from a broad perspective that includes physical, social, mental, spiritual, environmental and cultural health for individuals and communities.

Allegany Franciscan Ministries' 2010 Major Grants will provide funding to support organizational capacities vital to achieving the organization's mission effectively and efficiently. We will fund general operating and program costs that are necessary for the organization to carry out its mission and have an impact on those in need. Funding can be used for a wide range of core operating and program support.

What Are Our Areas of Interest?

We are particularly interested in organizations, programs and initiatives that utilize community and neighborhood assets with special attention to underserved and economically poor populations.

We encourage requests for funding for initiatives that strive to:

- **Increase access to and improve quality of health and wellness services, such as:**
 - Innovative health education, promotion, disease prevention, health access, healthy living programs, and other opportunities and benefits that seek to improve the health and wellness of low-income, immigrant poor, undocumented residents, and victims of human trafficking
 - Systems of care that serve new populations or address new/emerging health issues
 - Initiatives that address health disparities
 - A continuum of person-centered services in a specific area so that those served have access to comprehensive care coordination
- **Promote social justice, for example:**
 - Initiatives that address the root causes of poverty, improve economic conditions, and contribute to the dignity of the human person
 - Training and forming persons of faith as agents of social transformation
 - Campaigns focused on living wage and economic benefits
 - Activities that contribute to safer and healthier work environments for low-wage workers
- **Develop local solutions to environmental issues, including:**
 - Programs that seek to educate, engage, raise awareness, or mobilize communities to protect and improve the environment, create healthier living spaces in urban areas, or promote public participation in environmental decision-making

Successful pre-applications will demonstrate an ability to:

- Identify residents' capacities and assets to help address their needs
- Involve those served in various ways, including decision-making
- Address well documented unmet needs in the community
- Effectively utilize partnership and collaborative strategies
- Engage diverse partners such as the private sector, faith communities, and elected leaders
- Produce measurable results and on-going community impact

Eligibility Criteria

The previous section provides important information about the intent and focus for our Major Grants in 2010. In addition, certain criteria must be met by an organization in order to receive consideration for funding from Allegany Franciscan Ministries. In order to be eligible, the organization must:

- 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 Miami-Dade County
- Be willing and able to comply with all requirements of the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Grant Agreement (see our Web site www.afmfl.org for an example)
- Be in good standing with Allegany Franciscan Ministries (i.e., be up-to-date with progress reports for any current grants, completed requirements for any past grants)
- Comply with the social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church and the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (see our Web site www.afmfl.org for more information)

Please note that Allegany Franciscan Ministries' 2010 Major Grant program will not provide funding for individuals, public agencies, capital projects (buildings, vans/autos, etc.), fundraising events, and endowments.

IV. 2010 Major Grant General Information and FAQ's

Funding Availability

Allegany Franciscan Ministries anticipates making up to six (6) Major Grants in our Miami-Dade Region in 2010. The total amount of each grant is expected to range from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Grants may be awarded for a one- or two- year time period. The grant period may begin no earlier than November 1, 2010.

How Are Decisions Made?

A Regional Commission, composed of dedicated and experienced community volunteers, assists the Regional Vice President in setting funding priorities, identifying potential investment opportunities, and recommending projects for funding to the Allegany Franciscan Ministries Board of Trustees who make final decisions.

Timeline and Review Process

The first phase of the Major Grant process for 2010 is submission of a pre-application as described in this kit. Based upon review of the pre-applications, selected organizations will be invited to submit a full application for the final review process. We will conduct site visits or similar meetings as part of the final review.

ITEM	DATE (all 2010)	NOTE
Pre-Application Due	12:00 noon on March 5	Electronic submission of completed Pre-Application form
Confirmation of receipt of pre-application	By March 10	We will e-mail you
Notification of our decision	By April 26	We will call or e-mail you
Major Grant Application Information Session	May 7	For those selected to submit a full application
Full Applications Due	12:00 noon on June 11	Submit early!
Grant awards announced	Late September	
Major Grant agreements negotiated	September through November	
Grant period begins	No earlier than November 1	
First payment	Late 2010 or early 2011	Depending on the agreed-upon grant period

How to Contact Us

Allegany Franciscan Ministries is committed to a competitive grant process that is open and straightforward. Our Regional Vice Presidents are available to answer any questions about the regional focus, application process, or your potential request. In the Miami-Dade Region, please contact:

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To contact our central office or other regional offices, please refer to our Web site, www.afmfl.org for information.