



## GRANT GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES

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The Venice Golf and Country Club Foundation (hereinafter called “Foundation”) will only make grants that will not impair either the status of the Foundation or the 501(c)(3) status of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation through which the Foundation’s funds are administered.

The Foundation makes all its grants to nonprofit organizations classified as a 501(c)(3) and a copy of the organization’s IRS letter of determination must be provided.

Grants are not awarded directly to individuals.

Grant applications are subject to screening for eligibility and independent evaluation by a 12-member committee, based on:

- Use of Funds
- Community Need
- Community Access
- Measured Outcomes
- Service Area

Site visits will be conducted for those applicants that move forward in the screening process, based on the cumulative evaluation ranking by the Grants Committee.

Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects that will:

- (a) Establish, sustain, enhance and/or expand programs or services in the following areas —
  - Community/Social Services
  - Cultural Enrichment
  - Education
  - Environment
  - Health
  
- (b) Serve the greater Venice/South Sarasota County community, including —
  - Venice
  - Englewood
  - Laurel
  - Nokomis
  - North Port
  
- (c) Expend the grant funds within one year of the award.

Foundation grants will not fund endowments, debt reduction, basic scientific research, loans or travel; nor will they be used to cover an organization's overhead, including administrative salaries and expenses.

*For example: Our grant funding cannot go toward paying the salary of an organization's CEO, but we will fund program expenses that may include a counselor (whether an employee or a contractor) who delivers the service for the direct benefit of the client.*

The Foundation does not fund major capital projects, typically described as bricks & mortar, for the benefit of the agency rather than its clients.

*For example: We will not contribute to a capital campaign to build a new administrative office for the agency, but we will help fund building materials for the construction or renovation of a residence for a client of the agency.*

Grant awards may support projects by religious institutions provided the programs/services are principally non-religious in nature and not limited to members of the applicant's institution or congregation.

The Foundation will normally entertain only one Grant Application per grant cycle/per organization. However, a separate request may also be submitted by a supporting agency if it is a separate federally tax-exempt organization.

Receipt of previous grants from the Foundation will not prohibit any organization from applying for another grant, provided the previous grant funds were expended according to Foundation guidelines and conditions set forth on the applicable Grant Agreement.

The Foundation Board reserves the right to reject applications for projects or from organizations advocating or associated with either side of issues it deems controversial or political.