Who We Are

Founded in 2009, The Parrish Foundation Grant Fund is the mechanism formed to strengthen our community by awarding grants to local nonprofits and by bringing individuals together to address community needs.

Each year, The Parrish Foundation will conduct fund raising activities and receive funds through financial gifts from donors from all walks of life and generally focused on charitable endeavors in our community. Because grants are awarded based only on the income generated from the donors' generosity and fund raising endeavors, our grants are limited to funds available within The Foundation.

In the past we have awarded grants to the Parrish Branch Y Scholarship Fund, Friends of Rocky Bluff Library, Manatee County Youth Rowing, Manatee County 4 H, the Florida Railroad Museum, Parrish Boy and Cub Scout Troops 41, Duette Educational Foundation, Meals on Wheels PLUS, Palmetto High School Biomedical Program, Food Ministry, Esther's School, Lions Club, Florida Railroad Museum, Tidewell Hospice, Parenting Matters, Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida, Parrish Arts Council, Parrish Palyworks, F.E.L.T. (Feeding Empty Little Tummies), Take Stock in Children and American Red Cross.

Our Foundation's Grant Fund is represented locally by a committee serving under The Foundation's Board of Directors. It is made up of civic-minded volunteers who live, work or are interested in the Parrish area and its residents. Their primary duty is to evaluate worthy charities and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations who have critical needs for funding. By submitting an application for a grant request, organizations can explain their needs and have an opportunity to be evaluated for consideration.

Grants Program

Overview
Grant proposals are accepted once each year according to our grant cycle. Proposal requirements may change from year to year; therefore, grant seekers are advised to revisit this page prior to beginning the grant application process. Grants are normally given as a one-time support of a project but may be considered for additional support or for expansions or outgrowths of an initial project or program. You may visit our **Apply for A Grant** page for instructions on submitting a proposal.

Grant Cycle
We consider proposals for grants on a yearly cycle which begins each April. At the start of each cycle, nonprofit organizations will be notified. The requirements and instructions provided here are to be considered current and accurate only for the duration of the Foundation's grant cycle which is running (this year) from August 1, 2018, to September 30, 2018. Proposals submitted after the September 30, 2018 deadline will not be considered.

Eligibility
The Parrish Foundation Grant Fund welcomes proposals from nonprofit organizations that are deemed tax-exempt under sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Proposals from nonprofit organizations not classified as a 501(c)(3) public charity may be considered provided the project is charitable and supports a Parrish community need or Parrish community residents.

Program Areas Considered for Funding
Please visit our **Program Areas** page for details about the kinds of projects and programs supported through our Grants Program.

Arts and Culture
Community Development
Education
Health
Human Services
Other Civic Endeavors, such as the Environment, Recreation and Youth Development.

Project Areas NOT Considered for Funding
Religious organizations for religious purposes
Political parties or campaigns
Endowment creation or debt reduction

Operating costs
Capital campaigns or capital improvements
Annual appeals or membership contributions
Travel requests for groups or individuals such as bands, sports teams or
        classes
An individual's needs

Deliberation
The Parrish Foundation Grant Fund Committee will make its recommendation on funding to the Foundation's Board of Directors, which will decide the final funding recommendations. No lobbying or soliciting of grants committee members or board members will be permitted.

AWARD Announcement
All organizations that have submitted grant proposals will be notified of the outcome of the grants committee's deliberation in writing no later than November 15, 2018.

Reporting Procedures
A six-month progress reports and a final report at project completion are required by organizations whose proposals are approved for funding. Instructions and appropriate forms will be provided at the time the grant is awarded.

Program Areas

We focus resources to local nonprofits with programs addressing these priority areas. **Organizations and their programs must serve Parrish area residents.**

Arts and Culture

Activities that strengthen the stability of arts organizations, make the arts accessible to low-income populations, enhance the understanding or all types of arts and humanities and promote the appreciation or understanding of historical areas.

Community Development

Activities that foster community improvement, capacity building, philanthropy, volunteerism, strong neighborhoods; that assess community needs; and that support the programs of leadership organizations.

Education

Activities that improve the educational attainment of children and adults, both in and out of the classroom; that support formally constituted educational institutions and organizations or entities that administer or support these institutions; that support libraries and organizations whose primary purpose is to provide opportunities for supplementing and continuing education outside the framework of formal education institutions; and that support organizations which provide education-related services to students and school.

Health

Activities that improve and promote health outcomes; general and rehabilitative health services; mental health; crisis intervention; associations or services associated with specific diseases, disorders and medical disciplines; and medical research.

Human Services

Activities that maximize the functioning of special needs populations in mainstream society; that protect the public (crime and delinquency prevention, legal administration, legal services); that promote and support employment and jobs, food and nutrition, agriculture, housing and shelter, public safety and disaster preparedness and relief; and that support child

daycare programs, Y, firefighting activities and programs of community centers.

Other Civic Endeavors

Environment

Activities that foster pollution control and abatement, protection and conservation of natural resources, botanic and horticulture, environmental beautification, preservation of open spaces, environmental education and outdoor survival, protection and welfare of animals, humane societies, wildlife preservation and protection, veterinary services, zoos and aquariums and specialty animal services.

Recreation

Improving and promoting recreational and leisure activities, parks and community sporting events and activities.

Youth Development

Activities that strengthen the family unit, that help children grow and develop, foster youth sports and athletics, that support the Future Farmers of America, 4-H or other youth development programs.

How to Apply for a Grant

Before Getting Started

Through The Parrish Foundation's Grant Fund Program, we serve to provide funds and challenge grants for innovative, new or ongoing projects of charitable, nonprofit agencies or public charitable activities that fall within the Foundation's identified grant-making priorities and that meet local needs. (Please read the section of **Grants Programs** before beginning the process of applying for a grant.)

Required Documents

Cover Sheet
Narrative Addressing Each Item Below (two to four pages)

Project Description
- Briefly describe your organization's project and the need being addressed.
- What Parrish population will the project serve and how many individuals do you anticipate serving?
- How is this project relative to your organization's mission?
- What is the timeline for the project completion?

Impact and Evaluation
- Goal: What is the overall purpose of your project?
- Activities: What are the major activities or action steps needed to achieve your goal (i.e. researching best practices, obtaining estimates, developing products, providing services or training, engaging in advocacy, building infrastructure, purchasing products, preparing materials, etc.)?
- Resources: What resources (human, financial, organizational, space, technology, equipment supplies, etc.) are needed to support your activities?
- Outputs: What will be the direct, tangible results of your activities?
- Short-term Outcomes: What changes are expected to occur immediately (within one year) among individuals, your community and its systems, and/or your organization as a result of your project?
- Intermediate Outcomes and Long-term Impact: What changes do you hope will occur over the next three to seven years among individuals, your community and its systems, and/or your organization as a result of your project?
- Evaluation: What evaluation method will be used to measure the effectiveness, magnitude and satisfaction level of your project (observation, data analysis, surveys, interviews, focus groups,

pre/post tests, etc.)? If awarded the grant, evaluation results with documentation will be required upon submission of the final report.

Funding

- What is the total cost of the project?
- What amount is requested from the Foundation? If the full amount of your request for funding cannot be granted, what portion of your request do you consider to be most essential?
- How will the funds be used?
- What additional funding sources will be needed for successful project completion and what additional funding have you secured or have pending to date?

Supporting Documents*

The following documents are to be attached to the Cover Sheet and Narrative described above. It is important to provide ALL requested attachments and that they be labeled in the following manner:

Attachment 1: Project Budget Worksheet for requested funds.
Attachment 2: Mission statement and nondiscrimination policy.
Attachment 3: Statement of qualifications of project personnel.
Attachment 4: Current Board of Directors roster with professional affiliations.
Attachment 5: Copy of the IRS determination letter establishing 501(c)(3) status.
Attachment 6: Organization's current annual operating budget.
Attachment 7: Most recent financial statement (monthly, quarterly, etc.)
Attachment 8: Most recent audited financial statement or completed IRS Form 990 (if available).
Attachment 9: Please describe purpose/project or grant (250 words or less).
Attachment 10: A brief description of the expected impact of this grant request and how it will be measured. (If the request is for an event sponsorship, be sure to include all sponsorship levels available.)

*   For Grant Requests $500 or under, only the Cover Sheet and Project Descriptions need to be completed.

For larger nonprofit organizations, The Parrish Foundation has partnered with the Community Foundation of Sarasota to make the submission process simpler. If your organization wants to save some time and frequently applies for various grants, you might want to utilize the service that the Community Foundation of Sarasota offers. You file your group's profile in their Giving Partner database and each time you apply for a grant, the data can be utilized for the application process. You can find more information on this process on their website at www.cfsarasota.org and click on Giving Partner.