Grant Opportunities

Key Deadlines Approaching

Spring is nearly here and so are two of our grant deadlines! Read below to learn more about our 2021 Animal Welfare and 2021 Equity and Access grants with upcoming deadlines. And don't forget to visit our website to explore our other grant offerings!

View all grant opportunities.

2021 Animal Welfare Grant

*Provided by the Robert Parker Fund and the Helen C. Schwieder Fund*

Animal Welfare Grants support organizations that serve domestic animals and promote their humane care in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties.

Funding requests for this grant program can range from $10,000 to $50,000. Partial funding of requests may be awarded based on the quality and quantity of applications received.
Applications will be reviewed by a committee that includes local animal welfare experts. Preference will be given to proposals that focus on:

- Funding veterinary treatment for domestic animals, with priority given to those programs that provide emergency medical treatment for urgent cases or extraordinary medical needs
- Supporting volunteer program development, including but not limited to the growth of foster programs and supplies to support those programs

Eligible organizations must have a profile in The Giving Partner that reflects an Approved/Current status by the application deadline.

The application deadline is 11:59 P.M., Friday, March 5.

Apply Now

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Equity and Access Grant

Equity and Access Grants ($5,000 – $30,000) are designed to align with our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Priority will be given to proposals that promote educational and health care equity to those populations who face systemic barriers in our community.

Eligible organizations must have a profile in The Giving Partner that reflects an Approved/Current status by the application deadline.

The application deadline is 11:59 P.M., Wednesday, March 31.

Apply Now

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Additional Resources for Grantees

For those interested in applying for a grant opportunity but unsure where to begin, we have compiled helpful resources to guide you along the application process:

Eligibility | Press Kit | Grant Reporting

Don’t see a grant opportunity that matches your project? Fill out an inquiry form and we will reach out if we have an available opportunity.

If you have questions, please review this page of our website or reach out to Angelica Hull at ahull@cfsarasota.org
Revisiting Our Latest Nonprofit Trainings: Webinar Recordings

Did you miss our most recent Impact Evaluation Training Series with Dr. Shelley Robertson? Or would you like a refresher on our Social Media Marketing Series with Dana Snyder? Fret not, these and other past webinars are available on the Webinars & Trainings webpage of The Giving Partner. Find the link below.

Transform Your Social Media Presence

Join the Community Foundation and Dana Snyder of Positive Equation for a free three-part series on social media marketing. Refresh yourself on the fundamentals of social media strategy, deconstruct how to create a virtual livestreaming event, and learn how to maximize your social media advertising budget.

Topics include:

- 101: The "Must Know" Secrets to Social Media Marketing for Nonprofits
- 201: How to Create an Engaging Virtual Livestreaming Event
- 301: Find New Donors & Raise Brand Awareness with Social Media Advertising

Impact Evaluation Series: Enhancing Programmatic Impact through Data, Research, Evaluation

Join the Community Foundation and Dr. Shelley Robertson, a national leader in nonprofit program evaluation and assessment, for a multi-part interactive series on enhancing your programs’ impact through data, research, and evaluation.

Join the Community Foundation of Sarasota County and Dr. Shelley Robertson, a national leader in nonprofit program evaluation and assessment, for a multi-part series on enhancing your programs’ impact through data, research, and evaluation.

Topics include:

- Using Evaluation to Change Programs
- How to Create an Easy, Reliable Tool to Collect Impact Data
- How to Turn Data into Useable Outcomes
- How to Communicate Your Impact
Did you attend the most recent Impact Evaluation Series with Dr. Shelley Robertson? We would love your feedback. Please complete our short 4-minute survey by Friday, February 19th, 2021. Thank you!

Impact Evaluation Series Survey

Please contact Madeline Hansen at mhansen@cfsarasota.org with any questions about these trainings.

Join Manatee Community Foundation for a Virtual Conversation on Storytelling

Join our friends at the Manatee Community Foundation for their upcoming training on storytelling for nonprofit professionals!

Telling the Story of Your Nonprofit's Grant Awards & Donor Investments

Many funders and donors appreciate seeing engaging, visible stories about the important investments they make in your nonprofit organization.

In this conversation with Sharon Kunkel, APR, President of Wordslinger Marketing & PR, and Murray Devine, Communications & Learning Officer for Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, we will learn how your nonprofit can be more effective in generating the kind of attention that your meaningful work deserves...and in attracting more support.

We'll talk about everything from self-published content to news media--along with the true benefits to your nonprofit of telling your story well.

Register Now

For questions about this virtual conversation, please contact Manatee Community Foundation at events@manateecf.org
How to Resend Donor Receipts from the 2020 Giving Challenge

Tax season is just around the corner! In preparation, many folks have begun assembling their receipts and organizing their deductions. Here are step-by-step instructions on how you can resend a donor their 2020 Giving Challenge receipt from The Giving Partner.

How to Resend a Donor Their Receipt

For further questions about this process, please contact Madeline Hansen at mhansen@cfsarasota.org

An Open Invitation to Become a Scholarship Committee Volunteer

Opening opportunities. Realizing possibilities. Transforming dreams into reality. Scholarships do all of this and more for students across our community, and you too can be part of their life-changing journey by becoming a Scholarship Committee Volunteer.

Each year, the Community Foundation welcomes volunteers from around our community to review scholarship applications to help determine award recipients. We are always
welcoming new committee members.

Committee Eligibility:
- 18 years of age or older
- Reside in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, or DeSoto counties
- Must not have received a scholarship from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County within the last year
- Neither you nor your immediate family members will be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Community Foundation of Sarasota County while you are actively serving as a Scholarship Committee member

Committee Requirements:
- Must have computer access and the ability to use a computer
- Complete our Scholarship Committee Resume Form
- Attend a Scholarship Committee Orientation or meet one-on-one with our Scholarships Team to be trained on the committee review system

Committee Time Commitment:
- Approximately 8-10 hours reviewing and providing feedback on scholarship applications through our online committee review system.

Become a Scholarship Committee Volunteer

For questions about this opportunity, please contact our team at scholarships@cfsarasota.org.

Nonprofit Job Bank

Whether you're seeking a new nonprofit position or you want to post an open position at your organization, your local resource is the Association of Fundraising Professionals Southwest Florida Chapter's Job Bank, supported by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

Nonprofit Job Bank


Have a Story of Impact you'd like to share? Send Us Your Story.