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Animal Welfare Grant Opportunity

We are excited to announce a competitive grant opportunity for organizations that work with animals.

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 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 12:00 midnight, Friday, March 5.

[Apply Now](#)

If you have questions, please review [this page](#) of our website or reach out to Angelica Hull at ahull@cfsarasota.org



Enhancing Programmatic Impact through Data, Research, and Evaluation

Attend our free nonprofit training series to grow your program evaluation expertise.

Join the Community Foundation of Sarasota County 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.

This opportunity is open to nonprofit organizations with profiles in [The Giving Partner](#). Please note each session will be offered twice to provide greater flexibility for participants to attend. We recommend picking the session or skill that is of most interest to you or your organization. You do not have to attend all sessions.

Evaluation Skill-Building Sessions

How to Turn Data into Useable Outcomes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. OR

Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

This skill-building session is all about making data useful. We'll start with aligning your data to your outcomes, then go through a step-by-step process of how to calculate and report outcomes. The session will end with examples with templates for you to follow later, as well as a list of common mistakes made when calculating and reporting outcomes. No matter what your skill level, you'll walk away with new information. Dr. Robertson will present options for different skill levels, experience, and organizational size.

This session is recommend for program staff and anyone who collects and works with data. Please note both sessions are identical.

[Register for Wednesday, January 20](#)

[Register for Thursday, January 21](#)

How to Communicate Your Impact

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. OR

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.

This third skill-building session is all about communicating your impact, both internally to help improve programs and externally to support fund raising. The session will provide an agenda and tips for having internal data discussions, and review two approaches to sharing your impact story along with tips for data-driven presentations. Dr. Robertson will present options for different skill levels, experience, and organizational size.

This session is recommend for executive directors, fundraising staff, program staff, and anyone who collects and works with data. Please note both sessions are identical.

[Register for Monday, January 25](#)

[Register for Tuesday, January 26](#)

All trainings will be recorded and shared on [The Giving Partner](#) following the completion of the series. Please contact Madeline Hansen at mhansen@cfsarasota.org with any questions about these trainings.

[View Other Recorded Trainings & Webinars](#)



Scholarship Opportunities: Share with Your Students!

We are happy to announce that our **Traditional Scholarship Application is now available** via our [website](#). Please feel free to refer students under the age of 24 from Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties to apply. The deadline for this year is **March 1, 2021**.

There are two important updates related to our Traditional Scholarship Application this year:

- Our Traditional Scholarship Application will now include the SCBA Booker Law Academy Scholarship, the Destinations Florida Scholarship, and the Performing Arts Scholarship. Students interested in these opportunities will no longer need to complete a separate application to be considered; they can simply apply through our Traditional Scholarship Application, which includes more than 70 scholarship opportunities through a single application.
- We have transitioned our Traditional Scholarship Application to a new system this year: AIM powered by ISTS. Once students have created their accounts in the new system (if they do not already have one), they will complete our Eligibility Form prior to being routed to our Traditional Scholarship Application.

In addition, the **Father Connie Dougherty Memorial Scholarship Application is now available** via our [website](#). Students under 24 years of age who will be graduating or have already graduated from high schools in Sarasota County are welcome to apply before the **March 15, 2021** deadline. ***Please note this is a separate application.**

Please direct any questions regarding the online application system to ISTS:
Email: ContactUs@applyISTS.com
Phone: 855.670.ISTS (4787).

[Apply for a Scholarship Opportunity](#)

For general questions about our scholarship program, please contact our team at scholarships@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 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.

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