



## FY23 Grant Guidelines

Through partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, Gulf Coast Community Foundation seeks to transform our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Gulf Coast's grant making is designed to make the greatest positive impact in our communities.

**Gulf Coast's responsive grant making program includes the following funding opportunities:**

- Leveraged Grants
- Community Grants
- Sponsorship Grants

**Leveraged Grants** – These grant requests should clearly target [regional priorities](#), utilize creative strategies, provide measurable data to assess impact, and include strategies for sustainability.

Successful Leveraged Grants involve multiple partners that extend the impact of an organization's program or project. Whether the proposal receives funding relies in large part on whether the purpose and goals closely match the priorities of Gulf Coast.

Leveraged Grant requests exceed \$10,000 and are accepted according to the schedule below. Note that Gulf Coast's support of projects through our Leveraged Grant program will not exceed 50 percent of the total project budget. Applicant organizations are responsible for securing (through donors, other grants, etc.) the remaining funds.

Part-One Application Deadline	Full Application Deadline
August 1, 2022	August 31, 2022
March 20, 2023	April 14, 2023

The first step is to [complete part-one of the Leveraged grant application](#). Once this is received, Gulf Coast staff will be in touch to discuss next steps and, if approved, schedule an in-person

meeting. Not all organizations completing a part-one application will be invited to submit a full application.

Only one Leveraged Grant per organization may be awarded each fiscal year. Any organization that has an open Leveraged Grant with Gulf Coast and has not submitted a final grant report is ineligible for a Leveraged Grant.

**Community and Sponsorship grants** – Gulf Coast provides support to nonprofit partners as they take on projects or plan events that will have a positive impact for the organization and our communities. Community and Sponsorship grant requests are accepted on a rolling basis. Cumulative funding for your organization through Community and Sponsorship grants may not exceed \$10,000 during the fiscal year. Applicants requesting a Sponsorship Grant are asked to provide a full list of opportunities available for support in the July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023 fiscal year.

Please note: Organizations that have received a Leveraged Grant may also apply for Community/Sponsorship support. Gulf Coast will ask for appropriate recognition for our total overall funding.

**Who may apply for a Gulf Coast grant?**

- Organizations classified as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Organizations that provide programs and services that benefit the residents of Sarasota County, its immediately surrounding communities, or Boca Grande.

**Are schools and classrooms eligible to receive funding?**

Gulf Coast is strongly committed to supporting academic excellence in our region's schools, and as a result we have made significant investments in systemic initiatives. At this time, Gulf Coast is focused on funding school and classroom activities through our initiatives. Therefore, individual schools and/or classrooms are not eligible for funding. Only grant requests submitted by the Sarasota County School District will be considered.

**How do organizations apply for a grant?**

Click on one of the following links:

- [Apply for a Leveraged Grant](#) (part-one application)
- [Apply for a Community Grant](#)
- [Apply for a Sponsorship Grant](#)