



2010 BONITA SPRINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT GUIDELINES

DEADLINE: 10/22/2010

ABOUT US

The Bonita Springs Community Foundation (BSCF), a division of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation (SWFLCF), promotes philanthropy and builds a spirit of community to enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in the greater Bonita Springs community.

BSCF was established in 1997. Since then, BSCF has awarded more than \$1.3 million to charitable causes in the community.

MISSION AND VISION

"Helping to meet the needs of people through responsible giving."

We strive to be the leading resource in uniting donors' wishes with the changing human needs of our community through compassionate, flexible and perpetual giving.

GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

BSCF focuses its giving in three program areas:

Education - to enhance efforts to provide early childhood development, primary and secondary education and employment training opportunities

Health - to help meet basic medical, dental, and mental health needs

Human Services - to help meet the needs of children and families, the elderly, the disabled, and the disadvantaged

ELIGIBILITY

Nonprofit organizations exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and units of government are eligible [(c)4 and (c)6 agencies are ineligible].

Applicants must be located within the greater Bonita Springs area and/or the proposed project must serve residents of the greater Bonita Springs area. Applicants must employ staff, elect a governing board, and conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Director of Programs to determine if the proposed program/project is consistent with the goals and interests of BSCF.

Community Foundation staff reviews all grant proposals for eligibility. Staff may request additional information if needed.

A summary of each proposal, along with staff recommendations, are presented to the BSCF Distribution Committee for review.

All grant recommendations are forwarded to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation Board of Trustees for final approval **in December of 2009.**

Applicants are notified of grant award or denial by letter within a week of the Board of Trustees meeting. Inquiries regarding the status of an application may be made after this.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

Consideration is given to the following in determining the priority of an application for funding from the Bonita Springs Community Foundation:

- Degree of potential benefit to the community
- Programs for new ventures, one-time projects, and innovative responses to community needs that do not duplicate other efforts
- The capacity of the organization to achieve the program's/project's expected results
- The degree to which the organization uses measurable outcomes to evaluate its program/project
- Programs that are likely to attract additional funds, resources and community support
- The organization's ability to obtain continued funding
- The amount of funds available to award

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Organizations applying for funding must use the attached application form.

Due to the supporting documentation that must accompany grant proposals, faxed or e-mail applications will not be accepted. Please do not enclose the application in a cover or binder. Do not include any materials other than those specifically requested.

Applications must be in the Community Foundation office by 4:00 pm on the deadline date above. Our address is: 8260 College Parkway, Suite 101, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

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SWFLCF is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations