



ANCHOR the Bayou: Ripple Pilot Grants



CREATE THE RIPPLE

ANCHOR the Bayou, a program of Bayou Community Foundation, is a community-driven initiative focused on strengthening long-term resilience in South Lafourche and South Terrebonne. Through community listening, engagement, and collaboration, ANCHOR brings residents, organizations, and community leaders together to identify local strengths, challenges, and opportunities and develop strategies for a stronger, more resilient future. **Learn more about ANCHOR the Bayou [HERE](#).**

Why South Lafourche and South Terrebonne?

South Lafourche and South Terrebonne are vibrant communities with strong local assets and a deep connection to place. At the same time, these communities face ongoing challenges related to disasters, infrastructure, access to resources, housing, health, and economic opportunity. Building resilience means strengthening the people, organizations, partnerships, and systems that help communities navigate change and thrive.

ANCHOR Ripple Pilot Grants

As the next step in the ANCHOR the Bayou process, ***Bayou Community Foundation is offering a one-time funding opportunity to support ANCHOR Ripple Pilot Grants focused specifically on South Lafourche and South Terrebonne.***

Through two funding tracks—***Pilot Projects and Pilot Capacity***—the Ripple Grants will provide resources for organizations to test new or expand existing programs, strengthen organizational capacity, and implement solutions that address **[ANCHOR priorities](#)** in South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne.

The goal is to move from ***community-identified needs to community-driven*** action while creating opportunities to test ideas, learn what works, strengthen local capacity, and build momentum for future impact.

A ripple starts in one place but doesn't stay there. ANCHOR the Bayou Ripple Pilot Grants are designed with that same idea in mind: a small investment can initiate a

partnership, strengthen an organization, inspire a new approach, or create or expand on a program that spreads. By supporting organizations to test, learn, and build, each grant can create momentum for impact that reaches far beyond the original project and into the broader community.

The ANCHOR Ripple Grants are made possible with support from [The Water Institute's Community Resilience Center](#) and the [Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#).

What to Know Before You Apply:

1. Review the [ANCHOR Strategic Plan](#)

Before developing your proposal, we encourage applicants to review the [ANCHOR the Bayou Strategic Plan](#). The Strategic Plan reflects what we heard from community members and identifies the priorities that will help guide resilience-building efforts in South Lafourche and South Terrebonne.

Applicants should use the Strategic Plan to consider how their proposed project or capacity-building effort aligns with at least one ANCHOR priority and contributes to the resiliency of these communities.

Review the [ANCHOR the Bayou Strategic Plan HERE](#)
Review the [ANCHOR the Bayou Identified Priorities HERE](#)

2. The ANCHOR the Bayou Ripple Pilot Grants Program includes Two Grant Tracks. Organizations may only apply for ONE Grant.

- **ANCHOR Ripple Pilot Project Grants - Up to \$10,000**
 - Support a new or expanded project which addresses one or more of the identified ANCHOR Strategic Plan Priorities for South Lafourche and South Terrebonne
 - Intended to support projects with the potential to create meaningful community impact that extends beyond the grant period. Successful pilots may generate outcomes, partnerships, and lessons that can build momentum for continued work in South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne and open the door to additional external funding and resources.
- **ANCHOR Ripple Pilot Capacity Grants - Up to \$5,000**
 - Supports organizations in strengthening internal capacity, systems, and processes needed to more effectively address an ANCHOR Strategic Plan Priority in South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne.

- Funding or resources may be provided to strengthen organizational systems, program development, or technical assistance that helps organizations improve how it operates, communicates, or delivers its work.
- Examples may include:
 - Human resources support
 - Development or improvement of policies and procedures
 - Strengthening internal processes and organizational systems
 - Communications, marketing, or design support
 - Including printing, postage, or other direct expenses associated with an organizational activity
 - Professional or technical assistance
 - Consultation
 - Trainings
- Intended to support organizational capacity and are not intended to fund program supplies, equipment, building construction, or other physical capital improvements
- Aimed to strengthen organizations' capacity to deliver programs serving South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne. By investing in stronger systems, processes, and organizational capacity, these grants can create a ripple of impact that extends beyond the grant period—helping organizations improve their effectiveness, strengthen partnerships, and position themselves for future resources and opportunities.
- **Note:** Services may be provided in lieu of direct funding.

Organizations may apply for One Grant Only.

Bayou Community Foundation reserves the right to award grants in both or only one of these grant tracks, depending on applications received and funding available, with no guaranteed minimum number of grants or minimum funding amount for grants awarded.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for consideration, grant applicants must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) organization or other tax-exempt public organization public education/government institution in good standing serving residents of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes. “Good standing” means that the IRS currently acknowledges the organization as tax exempt, and state registration is current. Organization must also be registered with the LA Secretary of State.
- Serve residents of South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne
- Have staff and/or volunteers working withing Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish; local program management; local leadership in the form of a board of directors or advisory committee; and local financial support.

Only one grant request will be accepted from each organization.

Geographic Focus

- South Lafourche: Larose, Cut Off, Galliano, Golden Meadow and Leeville
 - South Terrebonne: Terrebonne Parish below the Intracoastal Canal
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ANCHOR Priorities

Projects must serve South Lafourche and/or South Terrebonne, address an [ANCHOR priority](#) and align with the [ANCHOR the Bayou Strategic Plan](#).

1. Affordable and Safe Housing
 2. Education to Career Pathways
 3. Spaces and Programming for Youth and Families
 4. Mental Health and Healthcare Services
 5. Disaster and Hazard Preparedness
 6. Community Connection and Access
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Important Dates

- **Applications Open:** September 21, 2026
 - **Application Deadline:** October 21, 2026
 - **Review Period:** October 21-November 30, 2026
 - **Award Notifications:** December 2026
 - **Grant Agreements:** December 2026
 - **Grant Funding Period & Project Implementation:** January 1 – November 30, 2027
 - **Final Report Due:** December 2027
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Questions?

- For more information about Ripple Pilot Grants, Contact Program Manager Elizabeth Daigle at Elizabeth@BayouCF.org or call 985-219-0049.
- For technical assistance with Bayou Community Foundation's Grant Portal, contact Community Impact Officer Kati Lee at Kati@BayouCF.org or call 985-219-0048.