



2017 Competitive Grants Program

Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) is accepting grant requests by email through **5:00 pm on MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017** for the first phase of the 2017 competitive grant-making program. Following this initial grant request phase, selected organizations will be invited to participate in a more extensive grant application process (phase 2). **Only grant requests received via email by the deadline and complying with the format and submittal instructions below will be considered.**

Eligible Applicants:

Federally approved tax-exempt nonprofit organizations in good standing serving residents of Lafourche Parish, Terrebonne Parish, and/or Grand Isle are eligible to apply. For reference, "good standing" means that the IRS still acknowledges the organization as tax exempt. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires automatic revocation of the exemptions of nonprofits that are required to file an annual return but fail to do so for three consecutive years.

Grant Program Description:

Grants will be awarded for programs that address critical community needs in the categories of human services, education/workforce development, and/or coastal preservation in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and/or Grand Isle. To be considered, programs must serve one or a combination of these specific communities; grants will not be awarded to support programs serving other communities.

Average grant amount is estimated to be \$10,000; individual grants may be larger or smaller. Grant funding period is July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018. The number of grants awarded and grant amounts will be determined by the BCF Grant Review Committee based on merit and total grant monies available by award date. Mid-year and end-of-year grant reports will be required of all grantees.

Grants will not fund general operating expenses, endowments, scholarships, or scientific/medical research.

Grant requests will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Does the program and/or organization meet eligibility criteria and grant program description?
- Does the program address a clearly articulated need? Are realistic goals identified? Is the program proposed for the grant well thought-out and strategic?
- Does the program and/or organization have a track record of success?
- Has the organization developed partnerships to increase effectiveness in addressing need?
- Is the grant request clear and realistic, and is it directly linked to program results?
- Would a grant from BCF make a significant positive impact on the program and the need it is addressing?

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Particular consideration will be given to organizations that:

- Partner/collaborate on the grant request or program execution with other organizations having similar missions in our region;
- Participate in BCF/GNOF workshops and other nonprofit development opportunities;
- Exhibit strong leadership at the staff and Board level;
- Demonstrate good fiscal management;
- Have a growing track record of success;
- Serve a population in high need or address a high need in the community; *and/or*
- Rely primarily on local financial support and grants for funding.

Format for Phase 1 Grant Requests:

Submit **via email a one-page grant request in pdf format** that includes:

1. Organization name, contact representative's name and title, address, phone, email, nonprofit Tax ID number, and year your services began in Lafourche/Terrebonne/Grand Isle
2. Brief description of your organization and your work in the Bayou Region
3. Grant funding request – **specific dollar amount requested is required**
4. Title and brief description of program for which grant is requested. For example, is this a human services, education/workforce development, or coastal preservation program? Would a grant help your organization address a currently unmet need in our community with a new program, or help you expand an existing program? What objectives do you expect to achieve? Explain the geographical area and population that would be served by this grant – who are they and how many? Would this grant be leveraged to attract additional funding? **A fillable pdf form for grant requests is available at BayouCF.org.**

Submittal Instructions:

- Submission Deadline for grant requests as described above: **5:00 p.m., MARCH 6, 2017.**
ONE PAGE ONLY – requests longer than one page will not be considered
Submit in PDF format only via email only to: ArmandJ@BayouCF.org
Subject Line of Your Email Should Be: 2017 Grant Request
Use your organization name only as the file name. For example: ABCNonprofitOrganization.pdf
- **A fillable pdf form for grant requests is available at BayouCF.org.** Use of the form is suggested but is not required. An original document complying with the format and submittal instructions above is acceptable.

Organizations selected for the grant application phase (grant program phase 2) will be notified in April. Grant awards will be announced in June 2017.

Questions? Email Coordinator Jennifer Armand at ArmandJ@BayouCF.org or call 985-790-1150.

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