



2020 Competitive Grants Program

Bayou Community Foundation (BCF) is accepting grant requests by email through **5:00 pm on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20** for the first phase of its 2020 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. "Good standing" means that the IRS currently acknowledges the organization as tax exempt and state registration is current.

Grants 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. *Thanks to the generous support of donors to BCF, the 2020 grants program includes expanded support for programs that aim to reduce food insecurity in our service area.*

Average grant amount is estimated to be \$10,000; actual individual grants may be larger or smaller than this estimated average. Grant funding period is July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021. The number of grants awarded and grant amounts will be determined by the BCF Grants 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 are designed to fund the implementation of new, expanded or continuing programs addressing local community needs identified above. Grants will not fund general operating expenses or staff salaries, re-granting programs, endowments, scholarships, scientific/medical research, or private organizations.

Grant requests and subsequent applications will be evaluated based on criteria such as:

- Does the program and/or organization meet eligibility requirements and is it aligned with BCF's grants 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?
- 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, events, and other nonprofit development opportunities;
- Exhibit strong leadership at the staff and Board level;
- Demonstrate good fiscal management;
- Serve a significant population in high need or address a high need in the community; *and/or*
- Rely primarily on **local** gifts 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, Tax ID number, contact representative's name and title, email address and phone, mailing address, and year your services began in Lafourche/Terrebonne/Grand Isle
2. Grant funding request – **specific dollar amount requested is required**
3. Brief description of your organization and your work in the Bayou Region
4. Title and brief description of program for which grant is requested. Information that may be helpful to include: What is the need your program addresses? Does this need fall into the human services, education/workforce development, or coastal preservation category? 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. Would this grant be leveraged to attract additional funding? **A fillable form for grant requests is available at BayouCF.org.**

Submittal Instructions:

- Submission Deadline for grant requests is **5:00 p.m., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020.**
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 Must Be: 2020 Grant Request. Failure to use this subject line may result in your message being overlooked.
Use your organization's name as the file name for the pdf. For example, if nonprofit Bayou Benefactors was applying, the file would be saved and emailed as Bayou Benefactors.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 2020.

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

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