



LAKEWOOD RANCH
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2018

TO: Non-Profit Service Providers and Schools

FROM: Manatee Community Foundation

RE: Lakewood Ranch Community Fund

The **Lakewood Ranch Community Fund**, a field of interest fund of the Manatee Community Foundation, is pleased to announce that it is accepting **grant applications** from qualified 501(c)(3) organizations for its Fall 2018 Grant Program.

- **Priority** funding will be given to those organizations or schools located in or providing services to the general Lakewood Ranch geographic area **and have an updated and “Reviewed by your Community Foundation” profile on www.TheGivingPartner.org** . *(If you are unsure as to whether or not your organization or project qualifies, please contact Susie Bowie, MCF Executive Director at 556-5444).*
- The average project proposal request usually ranges between \$2,500 - \$5,000. Any project proposals over \$10,000 must be discussed with the MCF Executive Director, Susie Bowie, before being submitted.
- Term of grant: one year.
- The Grants Committee will consider requests for needs and opportunities **impacting the citizens of the general Lakewood Ranch community in the areas of arts & humanities, community development, education, environment, health and human services.**
- Please review the grant guidelines below before submitting the grant application.

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY EMAIL.

(if you do NOT receive an acknowledgement, it is your responsibility to confirm that the application has been received prior to the deadline)

DEADLINE: Monday, July 2, 2018 (grant applications must be received by email to joan@manateecf.org by 5:00pm).

Lakewood Ranch Community Fund
Manatee Community Foundation
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GRANT AWARDS: Grants will be awarded **September 14, 2018.**



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2018 GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

- ◆ **Arts and humanities** (*increasing audiences for local artistic pursuits*)
- ◆ **Community Development** (*encouraging access to and use of community-based development methods*)
- ◆ **Education** (*supporting early childhood development, primary education through completion of high school and preparation for employment*)
- ◆ **Environment** (*promoting ways to conserve resources, encourage responsible animal welfare and protect wildlife*)
- ◆ **Health** (*supporting basic medical, dental and mental health needs*)
- ◆ **Human Services** (*aiding families, youth, seniors, the disabled and the disadvantaged*)

When emerging community needs indicate, the Grants Committee of the Foundation may, from time to time, designate areas within these categories for special emphasis.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations that **serve Lakewood Ranch area residents and have an updated and “Reviewed by your Community Foundation” profile on www.TheGivingPartner.org** are eligible to apply. Applications in support of the following are discouraged:

- General support/normal operating expenses;
- Building campaigns;
- Deficit financing and debt retirement;
- Endowment funds;
- Fraternal organizations, societies or orders;
- Grants for conferences or seminars (support for or attendance at);
- Individuals, except for scholarships;
- Political organizations or political campaigns;
- Religious organizations for sectarian purposes;
- Lobbying legislators or influencing election;
- Fundraising events;
- Scientific research;
- Surveys and personal research;
- Private elementary, middle or high schools for the benefit of their students;
- Travel for individuals or groups such as bands, sports teams, and classes;
- Writing, publication, or production of articles, books, videos, or films.