The University’s internal deadline for the limited submission competition for The Miami Foundation, 2016 Community Grants Program is 2/5/16 by 5pm. The Foundation will only accept proposals that come from the University of Miami’s central advancement office. Therefore, for those who were planning to apply, the University has established an internal deadline for the limited submission competition for The Miami Foundation, 2016 Community Grants Program at https://miamifoundation.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=428. If you are interested, please read on for details.

**Purpose:** The Community Grants Program is the Foundation’s signature grants program through which we honor the legacy of more than 100 donors who created permanently endowed funds, entrusting the Foundation to support the issues that mattered to them, forever. Thanks to these generous philanthropists we are able invest more than $1 million annually in quality programs that build a greater Miami.

The Community Grants Program gives priority to programs that have a measurable impact, led by nonprofits that value continuous improvement, and a collaborative spirit. What do we mean?

**Impact** – Making measurable difference supported by data

**Continuous Improvement** – Reflecting on past experience to design a more effective, enduring solutions

**Collaborative Spirit** – Forging partnerships to utilize collective strengths and shared resources

**Focus Areas:** Below are the five Focus Areas for the Community Grants Program established based on Fundholder intent and informed by the 2014 Our Miami Report. We have included dollar amounts available in each area as well as hyperlinks to specific goals and data points within the Report (please refer to the attached PDF). Nonprofits may submit an application for only one Focus Area that best aligns with their proposed program.

**Arts and Culture - $100,000**
- increase access to and participation in the arts
- generate and sustain employment in the creative sector
- increase opportunities for arts education

**Healthy Lifestyles - $91,000**
- promote heart health and prevent heart disease by encouraging healthy choices

**Housing and Affordability - $198,000**
- prevent homelessness by addressing housing and economic issues
- create pathways to economic stability for residents who are homeless and low-income residents at-risk of becoming homeless
- provide low-income or homeless residents access to basic needs (food, shelter and clothing)

**Human Services Facilities - $100,000**
- capital improvements – including but not limited to equipment, furniture and renovations – for human services facilities (i.e. centers for child care, recreation, health care, residential facilities for drug treatment, homelessness, at-risk youth, domestic violence victims)

**Well-Being of Children & Youth - $588,000**
- prepare disadvantaged, abused, or neglected children and youth to thrive in school and in life
  - promote educational readiness and personal resiliency
  - increase access to quality health care
  - improve safety at home and in the community
- prepare young people to successfully make the transition from foster care to living independently

**Proposal Timeline:**
- UM Deadline: 2/16 by 5pm
- Pre-proposals due: February 18, 2016 by 4pm (*Applications must be submitted via the Advancement Office*)
  - Notification and invitation of full proposals: March 28, 2016
  - Full Proposals due: April 14, 2016 by 4pm
  - Estimated notification of grant award: Tuesday, May 31, 2016
- Grant Award Period: June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

**Budget & Project Period:** Grants range from **$5,000 to $30,000**. The size is based on a program’s ability to advance our priorities, its scope and scale, overall financial needs and the nonprofit’s capacity. Awards may be used to cover expenses directly related to implementing a program, such as salaries of program staff or consultants, outreach, marketing, supplies, materials, events or local travel. We do not provide grants for memberships, fundraising events, annual campaigns, endowments, memorials or reducing deficits.

**Application Details:** Since the University of Miami may only submit three (3) proposals, this opportunity is a limited submission competition. **If you or your faculty are in the process of developing an LOI (Pre-proposal) for the February 18th deadline, please contact Karen Lamper (klamper@miami.edu) with the following details as soon as possible, but no later than February 5, 2016 by 5 pm.**

A brief summary of your project (no more than two pages), addressing the following:

1. Title of your Proposal and Focus Area
2. What is the issue you seek to address?
3. Describe the program you are proposing to address that issue, including specific activities, and planning/implementation timeline.
4. Indicate anticipated outcomes within the Focus Areas, including who you will reach – geographic areas and target population – how and how many.
5. How does this program align to the Foundation’s impact, continuous improvement and collaborative spirit activities, as outlined in the RFA?
6. Total project budget amount
7. Requested amount

*Note that the foundation allows only 1500-2000 characters with spaces per answer.*

Please be cognizant that requested information above is required for the reviewers to make an informed decision/ranking regarding your research proposal for consideration as an internal award applicant. Failure to address each numbered sub-heading above can impact the ranking of your proposal. **Per the Foundation’s requirements, final proposals will be submitted online by Joanna de Velasco, Senior Director of Foundation Relations (Jdevelasco@miami.edu)**
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