

Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation

Grant Policy & Application Process

The Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation (VYCCF) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to mobilize the collective goodwill of our community to improve the lives of our neighbors, including those who are most vulnerable. A primary method for accomplishing this mission is through awarding grants to charities that serve Venice and the surrounding community.

Eligible Applicants

In order to be considered for a grant from the Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation, an organization must:

1. Benefit the greater Venice, Florida community, and
2. Be a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Funding Priorities & Exclusions

Grants typically range between \$1,000 - \$5,000 with an occasional larger signature grant, and are made to support projects that are consistent with our mission and address one or more of the following categories:

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| Children & Youth (including Youth Boating) | Education & Literacy |
| Hunger | The Arts |
| Homelessness | The Environment |
| Veterans | Physical & Mental Health |

The VYCCF Board may establish annual priorities in order to rotate specific areas of focus.

The Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation does *not* fund:

- Political organizations or campaigns.
- Religious purposes.
- Grants to individuals or private foundations.
- Endowments for other organizations.

Requests are evaluated based on the degree to which they meet the following criteria:

- + Addresses a current community need.
- + Makes a difference in the lives of a significant number of people in the service area.
- + Promotes volunteer involvement.
- + Balance of financial need and viability of the organization.
- + Outcomes achieved / history with prior grants if previously funded by VYCCF.

Application Process

Two grantmaking cycles are conducted annually following these steps:

1. Each interested organization holds an in-person meeting with a VYCCF Ambassador prior to the application deadline.
2. Applicants complete the VYCCF Grant Request Form (available from VYCCF Ambassadors or on our website). The completed form and required attachments are submitted to VYCCF by the relevant application deadline.
3. Members of the VYCCF Community Outreach Committee individually rate each application based on established evaluation criteria.
4. The Community Outreach Committee meets to review the collective rating results and discuss distribution of grant awards across priority areas. The committee's funding votes are then forwarded for ratification by the VYCCF Board.
5. Applicants will receive formal written notification of funding decisions, within one month of the Board meeting.

Timelines

| Fall Grant Cycle | | Spring Grant Cycle | |
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| Begin accepting applications | November 1 | Begin accepting applications | March 1 |
| Deadline for applications | December 1 | Deadline for applications | April 1 |
| Committee meeting | Mid-December | Committee meeting | Mid-April |
| Board ratification | January | Board ratification | April |
| Notification of awards | February 1 | Notification of awards | May 1 |

Award Policies

Grantees are asked to participate with VYCCF in a ceremonial presentation of the funding award, and to provide public acknowledgement of a VYCCF grant on project sites and in project communications. Grantees are also strongly encouraged to make purchases of materials and services from local businesses when utilizing VYCCF funds.