

COVID-19 Recovery Focus

2020 CITY CATALYST GRANTS



The Florida League of Mayors is an organization for mayors in the Sunshine State. The League serves as an incubator for ideas to address issues facing Florida's municipalities, creates a strong network of peers who share the values of protecting the prosperity and vitality of Florida's cities, and is a united voice advocating for cities before the Florida Legislature.

Business Watch is a business league committed to public policy that makes sense for Florida's economy. Its members are local government decision makers and companies doing business with Florida's governments at all levels. Business Watch members are committed to strengthening the state's business climate through advocacy, education and training.

The Florida League of Mayors and Business Watch have teamed up to offer the annual **City Catalyst Grants** program. The program supports projects or initiatives that help build community and/or enhance the lives of city residents. Grants can be awarded directly to the city or to a partner organization (i.e., Little League or neighborhood association), but the application must come from a **current member of the Florida League of Mayors**.

This year the program must address a need as a result of COVID-19. Examples of eligible projects or initiatives include city gardens, park clean-ups, library improvements, training of volunteers, protective equipment, assisting residents with online needs, etc. Grants can be matched or supplemented with community support, such as volunteer hours or matching dollars.

Grants are awarded in increments up to \$1,500. Applications can be submitted via email (lbridges@flcities.com) or mail. Only submit the application via one method of delivery, either email or mail, not both. Applications must be submitted to Linda Bridges by Friday, June 19, 2020. **Applications must include a completed applicant information form, a budget for the project and a typed (300 words or less) concise description of the project/initiative the grant will support. The description should include goals for the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community and the lives of your citizens. See attached documents for sample applications from past years.**

Applications will be judged by a panel consisting of former Florida League of Mayors' presidents who are no longer in office and members of Business Watch. Grant selection is at the sole discretion of this panel. Winners will be announced at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August, and awards will be available immediately.

Media outreach highlighting the project, city, mayor, Florida League of Mayors and Business Watch will accompany the grant and may include, but is not limited to, press releases and public events.

Learn more: floridamayors.org and businesswatchinc.com.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION – Application must come from a current FLM member.

Date: _____

Name of Mayor: _____

Name of Person Submitting the Grant: _____

City/Town/Village Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Benefiting Entity: _____

(such as city parks department, Friends of the Library, community food bank, etc.)

Describe the project or initiative the grant will support (300 typed words or less). Include goals of the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community or the lives of your citizens.

What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? _____

Identify those entities or groups that you will partner with to supplement the goals of the grant: _____

(e.g., volunteer participation, matching dollars)

Total Funds Requested: _____*

Please provide a budget for your project or initiative: _____

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Applications, including the typed project description, must be submitted via email (lbridges@flcities.com) or mail (Linda Bridges, Florida League of Mayors, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302); only submit the application via one method of delivery (either email or mail; not both) by Friday, June 19, 2020.

Questions? Please contact Linda Bridges at the League office at 800.616.1513 or lbridges@flcities.com.

***Failure to begin or complete the project may result in forfeiture/repayment of grant funds**

2019 CITY CATALYST GRANTS



Date: June 15, 2018

APPLICANT INFORMATION – Application must come from a current FLM member.

Name of Mayor: John Williams

Name of Person Submitting the Grant: Betty May

City/Town/Village Name: Name of City

Address: Address

Phone Number: Phone #

Email: Email Address

Name of Benefiting Entity: City government and citizens of the city.

(such as city parks department, Friends of the Library, etc.)

Describe the project or initiative the grant will support (300 typed words or less). Include goals of the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community or the lives of your citizens.

What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? 8-9 months

Identify those entities or groups that you will partner with to supplement the goals of the grant: _____

Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, County

(e.g., volunteer participation, matching dollars)

Total Funds Requested: 1,500 *

Please provide a budget for your project or initiative: _____

The budget for this project is \$3,000. See the attached documents.

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Signature

Completed applications and description of the project must be postmarked no later than June 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., and be sent to:

Linda Bridges
Florida League of Mayors
Post Office Box 1757
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Questions? Please contact Linda Bridges at the League office at 1-(800) 616-1513 or lbridges@flcities.com.

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City Catalyst Grant Proposal Exploratory Narrative

Submitted: April 15, 2018

Program Name: Citizens Academy

Program Budget Amount: \$3,000

Grant Amount Requested: \$1,500

Program Description and Purpose

This program is not a new or novel concept, but rather is one that is tried and true in many other communities. Its main purpose is to enable a broader number of the city's citizens to hold a more clear understanding of how their government operates, and how that understanding enables them to be better, more informed and engaged citizens. All of this reinforces the trust citizens must have for government to be its most effective.

Program length is expected to span a three-month period during which enrolled citizens will participate in various modules focusing on different aspects of their city government. Those modules will be laid out to correspond with the functional aspects of our government operations in which they will learn about every facet of programs and services.

For example, one module will focus on utilizes including water, waste water and storm water. They will enjoy a tour of our facilities learn about that infrastructure and the challenges we face along with an understanding of its budgetary structure. Employees will share insights into their work and the benefit it provides to the community.

Another example is code enforcement, an area that many are aware of but truly understand very little about: the statutory requirements and the real reasons for its existence.

And as a final example, they will learn about the work their elected officials do on their behalf and the statutory framework in which elected officials must operate. This will include attendance at one or more council meetings and participation in mock council meetings.

All who complete the program will receive a certificate of participation, with hopes they remain engaged and supportive.

2019 CITY CATALYST GRANTS



Date: May 25, 2017

APPLICANT INFORMATION – Application must come from a current FLM member.

Name of Mayor: Jade Walker

Name of Person Submitting the Grant: Donny Perez

City/Town/Village Name: Name of City

Address: Address

Phone Number: Phone #

Email: Email Address

Name of Benefiting Entity: City Park, City Community and City Parks Department

(such as city parks department, Friends of the Library, etc.)

Describe the project or initiative the grant will support (300 typed words or less). Include goals of the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community or the lives of your citizens.

What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? 4-5 months

Identify those entities or groups that you will partner with to supplement the goals of the grant: _____

The residents of this community will assist with the labor for the renovations listed on the attachment. The city will supplement funds to purchase supplies outlined on the attachment (\$3,372).

(e.g., volunteer participation, matching dollars)

Total Funds Requested: 1,500 *

Please provide a budget for your project or initiative: _____

(More details on attachments.) \$1,650 Pressure wash 2 pavilions, paint poles and roof. \$1,500 Frame and pour 5 yards of concrete for the sidewalk around the new restroom. \$223 Two pallets of no float cypress mulch for the playground.

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Signature

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Florida League of Mayors – City Catalyst Grant Application

The city park is located downtown in the city on highway 72 in the middle of the city community. The residents in this community take great pride in this park. The park consists of a basketball court, playground, two pavilions, water fountain and two grills. The citizens meet at the pavilions with pastors from local churches every weekend. They have cookouts at this park to raise funds for the kids that have lost a parent and to build relationships within the community.

The city community has been asking for 10 plus years for a restroom for this park. When parents bring their kids to the park, they have to leave after a short time to take their children home to use the bathroom. A restroom is needed when they have cookouts and community meetings. The city budgeted money for a restroom this year. The cost of the pre-fab restroom is twice the amount of what we budgeted for.

If the grant is awarded for this park, the funds will be used to purchase supplies needed for the following improvements:

\$,1650 Pressure wash and paint the metal roofs and poles on 2 pavilions

\$1,500 Frame and pour 5 yards of concrete to create a sidewalk around the new restroom

\$223 2 pallets of no float cypress mulch for the playground

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this grant request. The residents in this community are very excited about this project and will be “hands on” with the improvements, along with our city staff.

Sincerely,
Mayor of the City

Attachments: City Park Pictures