



2023-2024 Grant Eligibility Guidelines

Mission

We are women who collectively impact the lives of individuals and our community through transformational giving.

Grant Cycle

Our funding cycle runs from March 1st, 2023 through February 28th, 2024. The number of \$100,000 grants awarded each year depends on our overall membership numbers, and additional contributions to grants funding by members and friends of Impact 100, in addition to the number of qualified proposals received. Awardees are determined by a vote of our total membership at our Annual Meeting in April. Each member is entitled to ONE vote only, regardless of contribution amount.

Post-award, each awardee will meet with our *Community Partners* committee to negotiate a contract and create a payment schedule and methodology, i.e., reimbursement or payment of invoices. Payment terms are intended to meet the needs of the organization and requirements of the project while ensuring Impact 100 upholds its fiduciary responsibility as stewards of our membership's resources.

Grant Timeline

Application form opens: June 1, 2023

Applications Due: November 1, 2023

Site Visits: January – February 2024

Finalists Notified: March 5, 2024

“Meet the Finalists” Presentation to Membership – March 6, 2024

Annual Membership Meeting and Awarding of Grants – April 17, 2024

Grant Focus Areas

Impact 100 funds projects with high potential for community impact in the following focus areas:

1. **Arts and Culture** – Projects or initiatives which develop greater artistic or cultural opportunities and improve participation in the arts or arts education in Indian River County.
2. **Children and Families** – Projects or initiatives which enhance/strengthen the lives of children and families in Indian River County.
3. **Education** – Projects or initiatives which advance or improve learning opportunities for children and/or adults in Indian River County.
4. **Environment** – Projects or initiatives which promote a positive relationship between people and the environment, preserve or enhance public spaces or support environmental education and awareness in Indian River County.
5. **Health and Wellness** – Projects or initiatives which improve the physical and/or mental well-being of Indian River County residents.

Organization Eligibility

Organizations eligible for an Impact 100 of Indian River County grant:

1. Must be recognized as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and designated as such for the three-year period prior to the submission deadline of November 1, 2023.
2. Are based in Indian River County or are a chapter of a multi-county, state or national non-profit serving the residents of Indian River County. If the organization serves multiple counties, its Board must include Indian River County residents.
3. Possess at least two years of complete financial statements. (Detailed submission requirements are based on whether financials are audited or unaudited and are more fully outlined in the Grant Application.)
4. Cannot have received a \$100,000 Impact 100 grant within the last three years. *Example: If an organization applied by the fall 2020 deadline and was awarded a grant in spring 2021, it would be eligible to reapply in 2023.*

Grant Eligibility

Projects or initiatives eligible for an Impact 100 of Indian River County grant must:

1. Serve the residents of Indian River County. All funds must be expended in Indian River County **or** must be for the direct benefit of Indian River County residents. Have a total project budget of \$100,000. Grant projects in excess of \$100,000 must show a complete project budget with all sources(s) of additional funding as well as a specific budget for the \$100,000 Impact 100 grant.
2. Expend the full amount of the grant within 24 months.
3. Fit within one of the five Focus Areas.

4. Be a new program, expand upon an existing program or propose a new or expanded collaboration (see below). The grant must only be applied to the expanded portion of the program.

Collaborations

A collaboration exists when two or more qualifying non-profit organizations have the responsibility of managing and contributing to the proposed project in a significant manner, AND the Impact grant funds will be shared between them in accordance with each organization's role in the grant's project and the proposed budget. For a collaboration, one organization will need to be identified as the **Lead Organization**, responsible for completing the grant application, financially managing the grant funds, and providing all reports. The other collaborating organization(s) may be asked to provide organizational and financial information after the initial application review. Important: a non-profit may only apply for one grant each year, either as an individual organization or as part of a collaborative effort.

Please note: **if funding is not being shared**, we consider this a **partnership** and not a collaboration. It would be a single applicant submission, with partnership details included under the Project Narrative section of the grant application. Being listed as a partner does not exclude or preclude a non-profit from submitting their own grant application in the same year.

Impact 100 of Indian River County DOES FUND:

- New programs which meet the grant evaluation criteria.
- Expansions of existing programs to new, larger or different constituencies (this includes programs which have previously received an Impact 100 grant). However, the grant funds for the expansion of an existing program can only be used to fund the expansion part of the existing program (new, larger, or different constituencies) and shall NOT be used to fund the existing program.
- Salaries *directly related and necessary to the implementation of a proposed project.*
- General operating expenses and overhead *specific to a proposed project.*
- Capital purchases *directly related and necessary to the implementation of a proposed project.*
- General construction or renovation costs *directly related and necessary to the implementation of the proposed project.*

Impact 100 of Indian River County DOES NOT FUND:

- Debt reduction or operational deficits.
- General operating expenses or overhead which are not directly related and necessary to a proposed project.
- Grants to individuals, or non-profit projects which propose grants to individuals.
- Private foundations.
- Endowment or memorial funding.
- Fund drives or annual appeals.
- Interim or bridge funding.

- Partisan, legislative, or political activity.
- Fraternal, sectarian, or religious organizations where the grant is intended for the principal benefit of the organization's own members.
- Grants intended for inherently religious activities or requires a participant in the program to ascribe to a particular religious affiliation or belief.
- Marketing or advertising unrelated to a proposed project.
- General capital campaigns.
- General construction or renovation unrelated to a proposed project.
- Capital improvements or renovations to property where the organization does not own the property to which the capital improvements will be made or have a stable and/or long-term lease. *A stable lease shall be evidenced by long term usage of property or facility with documentary evidence from the owner of intent to continue the arrangement for a specified time and specified conditions. A "long term lease" is defined as a lease of not less than five (5) years from the time of the grant submission. An exception to this requirement may be accomplished by submitting:*
 - *Documentation from the lessor the current lease will be renewed to the equivalent of five (5) years from the date of grant submission.*
 - *A shorter-term lease (than 5 years) provides for a "rent with option to purchase for a definite price" and the non-profit presents an acceptable plan to meet the option to purchase within the current lease term.*
- Legal expenses.
- Projects which discriminate based on age, gender and/or gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, physical or intellectual disability, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political orientation.

Any questions? Contact us at info@impact100ir.org.

Impact 100 of Indian River County, Inc.'s Grant Eligibility Guidelines continue to evolve. Impact 100 of Indian River County, Inc. reserves the right to amend grant award criteria without prior notice at any time. We also reserve the right to reject any grant application that does not meet these guidelines.

The direct solicitation of Impact 100 of Indian River County, Inc. members for support or any grant application is strictly prohibited.

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