

2017 State Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund Guidelines

The State Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund was created in 2009 by the State Attorney's Office for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida. State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle established the Fund in memory and honor of Denise M. Moon, who died in 2004 and worked for three decades as a pioneering leader and advocate for victim services in Greater Miami. Contributions to the Fund come primarily from criminal defendants at the time of their sentencing or election to participate in pre-trial deferral programs.



A resolute supporter of the crime victims' movement, Ms. Moon has been described as "the ultimate professional." She was hired in 1974 as the first social worker at the Jackson Memorial Hospital Rape Treatment Center/Crisis Intervention Clinic. She later served as director of the State Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Unit. Ms. Moon's record of accomplishments for victim services left a strong legacy that continues today. She helped organize the Children's Center, a special unit dedicated to the forensic interviewing of child victims and witnesses. In 1987, Ms. Moon helped initiate the first prosecutor-based domestic violence unit in Florida, and in 1992, helped create a pioneering misdemeanor domestic violence court. She crafted a plan to finance the Victim Access Network, a comprehensive automated victim notification and information system and served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Network of Victim Witness Services, including a term as its President.

The Fund's Purpose

The Fund strives to enhance and ensure community safety and social justice and promote opportunity, diversity and civility. Ms. Moon's work and the Fund's focus includes, but is not limited to, supporting efforts that assist victims of crime, reduce crimes' effect on our community, promote opportunities for job training and placement, educational attainment and scholarships and other efforts providing alternatives to criminal activity.

The Miami Foundation

Established in 1967, The Miami Foundation is the foundation for people who are passionate about Greater Miami. We've partnered with individuals, families and corporations who have created more than 1,000 personalized, philanthropic Funds. Thanks to them and their generosity, the Foundation has awarded over \$250 million in grants and today manages more than \$300 million to address the community's needs now for a more a more resilient tomorrow. Learn more about the Foundation and the Our Miami Report, which informs our work, at miamifoundation.org and ourmiami.org.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include nonprofits serving Miami-Dade County that show a strong track record of providing quality programs that reflect the Fund's purpose or show strong potential to develop them. While the Foundation will give preference to strengthening nonprofits in Greater Miami, we also encourage partnerships with those outside Greater Miami to bring quality programs to our community. Current grantees must be in compliance with the terms of those awards to be considered.

Grant amounts and use

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Grants may be used to cover expenses directly related to implementing a program. *Grants may not be used to supplant dollars for existing positions and program activities - that is, reducing existing dollars for positions and activities and covering them with this grant instead.* Applicants must demonstrate the ability to sustain their programs from other sources after this grant would end so they would not be reliant on recurring awards.

Number of requests

Nonprofits may submit one proposal. Colleges and universities may submit up to three (3) requests from different departments. They will be considered competitively against each other and other applications.

Focus Areas

The Fund seeks to create, enhance and expand quality programs that achieve clear results in the areas below. The descriptions are intended to provide guidance, not exclude other potential approaches to achieving the Fund's purpose.

Victim Assistance*: Help individuals, survivors and their families overcome the financial, personal, emotional or other challenges they face as a result of being victims of crime. Grant range: \$5,000 to \$50,000

Crime Prevention: Mobilize neighborhood residents to collectively engage in improving safety and reducing crime in their community by expanding awareness of how to prevent criminal activity and deter involvement; improving their vigilance and willingness to cooperate with the criminal justice system and/or creating safe public spaces that strengthen community interaction. Grant range: \$5,000 to \$40,000

Crime Deterrence: Improve opportunities for job training, job placement or other programs that can deter individuals from resorting to criminal activity. Grant range: \$5,000 to \$40,000

Education and Scholarships*: Improve opportunities for adults who are past offenders to attain the educational skills they need to pursue a productive and crime-free future; or provide education-related assistance to individuals or family members whose chances of finishing or furthering their education have been severely impacted by being victims of crime. Grant range: \$5,000 to \$50,000

Youth Development: Reduce the risk of youth involvement in crime or violence by providing them the support and opportunities they need to redirect, empower and prepare them to succeed in academics, careers and life. Approaches could include, but are not limited to providing mentoring, educational support, avenues for employment and career development, personal development and enrichment opportunities or other effective approaches. Grant range: \$5,000 to \$40,000

Human Trafficking: Provide wraparound services which may include counseling, housing, immigration services and mental health treatment to minors and adults who are victims of human trafficking. Grant range: \$15,000 to \$50,000

*Applicants that seek to provide financial assistance or scholarships must show they have prior experience and effective systems to award and monitor such assistance. They must also have broader services that allow them to carefully screen potential recipients, assess and address their overall needs for services and follow up on the outcomes of the direct assistance.

Application process

Applicants must submit a proposal via the Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the [Grant Programs](#) page on our website and carefully review the registration instructions.

Proposal narrative questions (Character counts include spaces)

- Summarize your agency's main programs and how many people you serve each year. (750 characters)
- What issue does the program impact and what difference are you seeking to make? (750 characters)
- Describe your program implementation plan including details about your goals, main activities, and timeline. How does its design build on past experience to be even more effective? (2,000 characters)
- What are your target population(s) and neighborhood(s) and what are your main strategies to reach them - in particular, what other groups will you work with? (750 characters)

- What concrete, long-term change will you achieve that will improve the lives of the people and communities served? (750 characters)
- What other organizations provide similar programs or services? (500 characters)
- Describe your capacity to implement the program including key staff and financial resources. How would you sustain the program without these funds once this grant ends? (1,000 characters)

Outcomes and Activities (Character counts include spaces)

Outcomes: What are the top 3 specific, measurable outcomes demonstrating your program's impact on the lives of those served? What methods will you use to measure results? For example: *Participants (or X% of participants) will achieve Y result, as measured by Z method.* (300 characters each)

Activities: Concisely list 3-5 main activities you will conduct to achieve your outcomes and how often each will occur (i.e. one-time, daily, weekly, monthly). State the number of people each main activity will reach. (250 characters each)

Required Attachments (Each must be a single document in PDF format.)

- Proposal budget form (download at miamifoundation.org/grantprograms)
- Organization's current annual operating budget
- Current Board of Directors list

Timeline

- Proposals due online: Thursday, March 23, 2017 by 4 p.m.
- Estimated notification of grant awards: Friday, June 16, 2017
- Grant period: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

For questions, please contact

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