

## 2018 Animal Welfare and Animal-Assisted Program Guidelines

### The Purpose

The Miami Foundation has Fundholders interested in supporting efforts that advance the welfare of animals and animal-assisted interventions for people through education or special services. This is an open call for ideas that will allow the Foundation to learn more about organizations in Greater Miami working on programs where people help animals and animals help people. Submissions may lead to potential grants this year or in future years that focus on the well-being of animals and people who benefit from therapeutic interactions with them. This open call is generously supported by the following Funds at the Foundation: The Jean T. Robinson Memorial Fund and The Virginia R. Estep Fund.

### The Miami Foundation

The Miami Foundation partners with donors to champion their causes and improve local quality of life. Since 1967, we've done this by taking leadership on civic issues, investing in our community and nurturing philanthropy. Thanks to our more than 1,000 donors, we currently manage over \$360 million in assets and have made almost \$300 million in grants that create opportunities for residents, make Miami-Dade County more resilient and foster home-grown creativity.

### Focus Areas

The Foundation seeks to create, enhance and expand quality programs that achieve measurable results in the areas below. The descriptions are intended to provide guidance, not limit and/or exclude future approaches to the program's purpose.

**Animal Welfare:** Support the welfare of animals and efforts to provide them with safe homes, opportunities for adoption, foster care and medical treatment. Impact the physical well-being and quality of life of animals in ways that help them live free from harm, abuse, and neglect in healthy and safe environments.

**Animal-Assisted Interventions:** Support the use of animals in educational and therapeutic environments to impact people's quality of life, including but not limited to special needs programs, senior care programs, hospice therapy and education programs.

### **At this time the Foundation will not support the following:**

- building improvements or capital campaigns
- research
- event sponsorships

### Proposal narrative questions (Online character counts include spaces)

1. Briefly state the organization's mission. (75 words)
2. What types of animals does your organization work with? (50 words)
3. Summarize the organization's main programs, who you reach and how many each year. (150 words)
4. What is the core community need or opportunity your organization is addressing? What is the impact your programs are having on those you serve? (150 words)
5. Who are your key partners and how do these partnerships maximize your impact? (150 words)
6. What program specifically are you seeking funding for this year and what activities will you undertake? Please use concise bullets. (150 words)
7. What are the proposed outcomes of those activities? Please use concise bullets. (150 words)
8. How much funding are you requesting for this year? Grants may range from \$5,000 to \$40,000.

### **Required attachments**

- The Foundation's Proposal Budget Form from the [Grant Programs](#) website page
- Organization's current annual operating budget
- Current Board of Directors list

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving Miami-Dade County that show a strong track record of providing quality programs that reflect the Foundation'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.

### **Application process + timeline**

Applicants must submit an organizational profile/proposal online via Submittable – <https://themiamifoundation.submittable.com>. Each organization may submit one proposal.

- Proposals due: Friday, September 28, 2018 by 4 p.m.
- Estimated notification of grant awards: Friday, November 9, 2018
- Grant period: December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019

As noted above, the information gathered through this open call will be used to inform grantmaking for this year as well as help us learn about your organization for potential future funding.

### **For questions, please contact**

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