2019 State Attorney’s Fund for a Safer and Healthier Community Guidelines

The State Attorney’s Fund for a Safer and Healthier Community was created in 2013 by the State Attorney’s Office for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida. State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle established the fund with contributions that come primarily from defendants charged with driving while under the influence (DUI) who elect to participate in the Back-On-Track Diversion Program.

The Fund’s Purpose
The Fund strives to create a safer and healthier community for the residents of Miami-Dade County through supporting efforts that effectively curtails substance abuse, impaired driving and assists survivors of human trafficking who require substance abuse treatment and counseling.

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 $350 million in assets and have made almost $350 million in grants that create opportunities for residents, make Miami-Dade County more resilient and foster home-grown creativity.

Eligibility
Eligible applicants are 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. Current grantees must be in compliance with the terms of existing awards to be considered. 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.

Each organization may submit one proposal. If a program is a collaborative effort between two or more nonprofits, partners must select one nonprofit to serve as lead applicant. Colleges and universities may submit up to two requests from different departments, which will be considered competitively against each other and other applications.

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

1. **Substance Abuse Services**: Help individuals overcome and recover from substance abuse by providing wraparound services that may include - substance abuse counseling and treatment, mental health services and treatment to understand and address underlying co-occurring mental health issues, and behavior and support strategies that develop individual’s resilience to achieve a healthier and safer life, free of alcohol and substance abuse.

2. **Education to Prevent Impaired Driving**: Reduce the prevalence and risk of youth and adult driving while impaired by providing effective educational programs, activities and/or campaigns that educate youth and adults about the impact of alcohol and other impairing substances on their lives and their ability to drive safe, smart and sober.

3. **Enforcement and Deterrence of Impaired Driving**: Enhance the knowledge and skills of law enforcement by providing training and support in the most current information, techniques and best practices for the task of enforcement and deterrence of impaired driving. Applicants must demonstrate specialized knowledge in this area and history of working with law enforcement.
4. Human Trafficking: Provide wraparound services, such as comprehensive psychosocial assessment to identify healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services to minors and adults who are victims of human trafficking.

Grant amounts and use
Grants range from $10,000 to $50,000. Award amounts are on the scope and scale of the proposed project or program and its potential impact - with the largest grants invested in efforts with the greatest scale and impact. Grants can 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 ends so they would not be dependent on recurring awards.

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)
1. Summarize the agency’s main programs and how many people are served each year. (500 characters)
2. What is the core community need or opportunity to be addressed? (1,000 characters)
3. Describe your plan to implement the program including details about your goals, approach, and timeline. How will the organization use its experience and expertise to be innovative in its approach? (2,000 characters)
4. What are the target population(s), neighborhood(s), and main strategies to engage them? (1,000 characters)
5. What measurable improvement will result for people and communities reached, so they are not only better off now, but better prepared to succeed in the future? (750 characters)
6. Who are your key partners and how will these partnerships maximize your efficiency and impact? (750 characters)
7. Describe your capacity to implement the program including expertise, staff experience and financial resources. How would you sustain the program without these funds once this grant ends? (750 characters)

Proposal activities + outcomes questions (Online character counts include spaces)
8. Activities: State the main activities, up to 3, you will conduct, how often each will occur and how many people will be reached – i.e. once/daily/weekly/monthly; reaching what number. (150 characters for each).
9. Outcomes: State the main outcomes, up to 3, you will measure to demonstrate your impact – i.e. number or % of participants will achieve what results; as measured by what method. (150 characters for each).

Required Attachments (Each must be a single document in PDF format.)
- The Foundation’s Proposal Budget Form from the Grant Programs website page
- Organization’s current annual operating budget
- Current Board of Directors list

Timeline
- Proposals due online: Friday, August 16, 2019 by 4 p.m.
- Estimated notification of grant awards: Friday, October 4, 2019.

For questions, please contact
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**Suggested Readings**

**What We’re Reading:** Ideas, data and recent community news related to the goals of the State Attorney’s Fund for a Safer and Healthier Community.

- [Miami-Dade County Opioid Addiction Task Force Implementation Report](#) – A county-wide effort to produce sustained, population-wide health improvements
- [2018 Miami-Dade County Youth Substance Abuse Survey](#) (Florida Dept. of Children & Families) – An overview of key findings and trends from comprehensive survey of Miami-Dade students in middle and high school.
- [Miami Police Say They’ll Offer Opioid Addicts Rehab](#) (Miami Herald) – A new pre-arrest diversion program is intended to address opioid addiction through comprehensive treatment.
- [CDC Opioid Data Analysis and Resources](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- [We are Unified to Stop Human Trafficking, Especially During Our Super Bowl](#) (Miami Herald Opinion, Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle)