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**The Marco Island Community Grant Fund Cycle Applications Accepted
February 14th through March 4th To Benefit Marco Island Nonprofits**

Naples, FL (February 1, 2022) The Marco Island Community Grant Fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County will open on February 14th through March 4th to benefit Marco Island nonprofits. Grant awards will range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 for operating and program support.

Applications will be accepted from all nonprofits based in Marco Island in focus areas of arts, environment, education/employment, healthcare/mental health, and human services. Decisions will be announced in late March-early April.

New applicants to the Marco Island Community Fund are encouraged to email a description of your services on Marco Island community to Laura Simmelink, senior director of programs at lsimmelink@cfcollier.org.

In March 2019, a group of dedicated Marco Island residents created a small advisory committee to establish the Marco Island Community Fund. The fund is a permanent endowment at the Community Foundation of Collier County to strengthen philanthropy across Marco Island and ensure sufficient funds are available to positively impact the nonprofits and programs that serve the Marco Island community and its residents. The Fund has awarded over \$140,000 to Marco Island nonprofits since its inception.

"The programs and services of Marco Island nonprofits are a valued piece of the big picture in Collier County," said Allyson Richards, Chair of the Marco Island Community Grant Fund Committee and Community Foundation of Collier County Board member. "Too often, only the wealth of Marco Island is visible. We have a great need here as well."

Please visit the Community Foundation website to learn more: <https://cfcollier.org/nonprofits/apply-for-grants/>

About the Community Foundation of Collier County

The Community Foundation of Collier County, now in its 36th year, is a tax-exempt, public, charitable organization established in 1985 to increase and focus on local private philanthropy. Today, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 850 funds, works with hundreds of nonprofits, holds over \$280 million in assets, and has distributed over \$229.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, community programs, and scholarships. The Community Foundation of Collier County is one of Florida's fastest-growing community foundations. For good. Forever. Learn more at cfcollier.org or call 239-649-5000.