



2024 / 2025 Grant Eligibility

To apply for an Impact the Palm Beaches grant, the applicant:

- must be a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and designated as such for at least 24 months.
- must be registered with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations
- must report total revenue for the last full fiscal year of at least \$500,000 in the most recent IRS 990. If exempt from filing IRS 990, the revenue requirement is taken from the audit.
- must have a substantial local presence and programming in Palm Beach County. Substantial local presence is defined as a staffed facility or office dedicated exclusively to the organization, available to the public seeking services or benefits. The facility must be open at least 15 hours a week and have a telephone dedicated exclusively to the organization.
- Local organizations or chapters with national affiliations are eligible to apply IF the local organization providing services in Palm Beach County is a 501(c)(3) public charity identified with its own EIN and files a Form 990 demonstrating an operating budget within our guidelines. The organization applying for our grant should be the party accepting responsibility for receiving and spending the grant funds.
- must be able to provide the following documents:
 - o IRS 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
 - o Florida Department of Agriculture Solicitation Permit
 - o An audit (in the most recently completed fiscal year) that expresses an unqualified opinion and conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). Cash basis, cash modified, or modified accrual basis of accounting are unacceptable. Compilations and/or reviews are no longer acceptable.
 - o IRS Form 990 (if applicable)
- The project must serve the residents of Palm Beach County within the boundaries of:
 - o Lake Worth Road north to the Martin County line
 - o The Atlantic Ocean west to the Palm Beach County line

The entire \$100,000 grant must be utilized within those geographical boundaries.

- Recipients of an Impact the Palm Beaches \$100,000 grant are not eligible to receive a grant for at least 4 years from the date the grant was awarded. Organizations chosen as grant recipients in April 2024 are not eligible to receive a grant until April 2028. Merit award winners may reapply the following year. Recipients of a \$100,000 grant cannot receive new grant funds through collaborations with another agency within the 4-year time period.
- The program or project may be new, an expansion of an existing program, or a collaborative effort between more than one qualifying agency.
- The organization must use the full amount of the grant within two years of the award date.
- Impact the Palm Beaches reserves the right to change its eligibility criteria in future years.