

2017 CITY CATALYST GRANTS



The Florida League of Mayors is an organization for mayors in the Sunshine State. The League serves as an incubator for ideas to address issues facing Florida's municipalities, creates a strong network of peers who share the values of protecting the prosperity and vitality of Florida's cities, and is a united voice advocating for cities before the Florida Legislature.

Florida Business Watch is a business league committed to public policy that makes sense for Florida's economy. Its members are local government decision makers and companies doing business with Florida's governments at all levels. FBW members are committed to strengthening the state's business climate through advocacy, education and training.

The Florida League of Mayors and Florida Business Watch have teamed up to offer the annual **City Catalyst Grants** program. The program supports projects or initiatives that help build community and/or enhance the lives of city residents. Grants can be awarded directly to the city or to a partner organization (i.e., little league or neighborhood association), but the application must come from a **current member of the Florida League of Mayors**.

Grants can be matched or supplemented with community support, such as volunteer hours or matching dollars. Examples of eligible projects or initiatives include street or beach clean-ups, youth athletic equipment purchases, fitness programs, mentoring programs, veteran's memorials, youth advisory council activities, city garden projects, library collection improvements, recruitment of volunteers, training for reading programs, etc.

Grants are awarded in increments between \$500 and \$1,500. Applications must be submitted to Linda Bridges by Friday, June 2, 2017. **Applications must be in the format described on the grant application and include a budget for your project.**

Applications will be judged by a panel consisting of former Florida League of Mayors' presidents who are no longer in office and members of Florida Business Watch. Grant selection is at the sole discretion of this panel. Winners will be announced at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August and awards will be available immediately.

Media outreach highlighting the project, city, mayor, Florida League of Mayors and Florida Business Watch will accompany the grant and may include, but is not limited to, press releases and public events.

Learn more: www.floridamayors.org and www.floridabusinesswatch.com.

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Date: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION – Application must come from an FLM member

Name of Mayor: _____

Name of Person Submitting the Grant: _____

City/Town/Village Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name of Benefiting Entity: _____

(such as city parks department, Friends of the Library, etc.)

Describe the project or initiative the grant will support (300 typed words or less). Include goals of the project and an explanation of how it will improve your community or the lives of your citizens.

What is the timeline for accomplishing these results? _____

Identify those entities or groups that you will partner with to supplement the goals of the grant: _____

(e.g., volunteer participation, matching dollars)

Total Funds Requested: _____ *

Please provide a budget for your project or initiative: _____

I certify that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Completed applications and description of the project must be postmarked no later than June 2, 2017, and be sent to:

Linda Bridges
Florida League of Mayors
Post Office Box 1757
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Questions? Please contact Linda Bridges at the League office at 1-(800) 616-1513 or lbridges@flcities.com.

***Failure to begin or complete the project may result in forfeiture/repayment of grant funds.**