

The Lincoln Fund

The Lincoln Fund Purpose

The purpose of The Lincoln Fund (“the Fund”) is to provide unrestricted grant dollars to nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations located in Indian River County, Florida that serve children through education or other activities promoting their well-being. Grants are to be considered a one-time “gift” to meet an immediate need. Grants may be awarded for one of the following:

- Emergency/Urgent Response: To respond to a non-weather-related emergency to prevent a disruption in services provided through a proven program that would otherwise occur.
- Timely Solution: To initiate or support a solution to meet an irregular or extraordinary community need that may arise from time to time.
- Multi-stakeholder Collaboration: To support a collaboration between multiple community stakeholders with an equitable stake and comparable risk, including funders, to develop and successfully complete a project designed to solve a problem and deliver meaningful impact within a defined term, which may be multi-year.
- Leadership Crisis: To respond to an organizational leadership crisis that does not fall within normal course of business.

Preference will be given to programs, solutions, or collaborations that meet needs, close gaps or reduce disparities among vulnerable children in Indian River County and that are operated by grantees that conduct work in one or more of the following fields of interest: arts, children, education, health, and human services.

The Lincoln Fund Eligibility

- Applicants must have an online grant application account at www.ircommunityfoundation.org.
- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) public charities dedicated to serving Indian River County, Florida, with an updated profile on www.guidestar.org at the “Platinum” level by the time the grant is awarded.

The Lincoln Fund Process

If you believe your organization has a need or opportunity that falls within one of the four areas above, please contact Brooke Sauserman at brooke@ircommunityfoundation.org or 772.492.1407. Based on this consultation, your organization may be invited to complete a brief application online. Requests are reviewed by The Lincoln Fund Committee in the order in which they are received. You will be notified of the Committee’s decision in a timely manner.