



## HEAD, HEART AND HANDS OF INDIAN RIVER CLUB REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (2026-2027)

### **Introduction**

Thanks to the generous contributions from the residents and members of the Indian River Club, Head, Heart and Hands of Indian River Club (HHH-IRC) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP).

**Maximum Grant Award: \$20,000.**

**Eligibility:** Organizations classified as Section 501(c)(3) organizations serving Indian River County that meet the requirements of this RFP. The organization must have current 501(c)(3) status, must have an Audit or a Review prepared by a CPA for its most recent fiscal year, and must have a Silver Level or higher rating on the GuideStar.org Nonprofit Search.

**Proposals from organizations that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.** The application process begins with a Letter of Idea (“LOI”) due **August 31, 2026**. By **October 1, 2026**, those organizations that qualify and present compelling ideas will be asked to submit full applications and will be invited to a brief information session in mid-October. If you have submitted a LOI and not received a notice by **October 1, 2026**, please contact Paul Pronsky of HHH – IRC (pronskypaul@gmail.com).

### **Funding Goals**

The goal of HHH-IRC funding is to support projects, programs, and services in the following core subject areas:

- Education and training
- Youth activities
- Homeless & family issues
- Health (physical and mental)
- Needs of seniors
- Cultural programs
- Environmental challenges
- Scientific research

Grants will not be made for projects intended to further political or religious objectives.

### **General Types of Support**

Grant requests will be considered for:

- New program development
- Support for existing programs
- Program expansion
- Capital grants for specific capital projects not part of a capital campaign

### **Grant requests will NOT be considered for:**

- Programs that are managed by or applications submitted from organizations without 501(c)(3) status.
- Programs that are outside the core areas.
- Capital campaigns, endowment campaigns, or grants to individuals.
- Programs that have already been completed.



### **Proposal Evaluation**

Proposals will be evaluated on a competitive basis. The evaluation will include these factors:

- The proposal demonstrates it is an efficient way to address an unmet need of a targeted population, resulting in clear community betterment. Such a proposal should reference the most recent [Indian River County Community Needs Assessment](#).
  - “Efficiency” includes cost-benefit analyses, use of volunteers, collaboration with other agencies where appropriate, and the potential for sustainability.
  - Identification of “unmet needs” and “targeted populations” should be supported by data and cite sources relied upon.
  - The proposal demonstrates the applicant has the organizational ability to implement the project as proposed.
  - “Organizational ability” includes documented expertise, strong agency leadership, and a record of success with projects in the same or a related area.
- Special consideration will be given to programs targeting south Indian River County (generally, zip codes 32962 and 32968).
- The extent to which the proposal describes a framework and processes—reviewable by HHH-IRC—that would track and assess the project according to budget detail, timelines, milestones, and measurable and meaningful outcomes.

### **Impact Reports**

Grantees will be required to submit an interim report and a final report describing how the grant funds were expended and the measurable outcomes resulting from the funding.

### **Certification**

Applicants’ Executive Officers must agree in writing to conditions concerning updating information between submission of the application and award decisions; use of the funds only as specified in the proposal and consistent with charitable status, and timely compliance with all reporting requirements.

### **Proposal Submission Dates**

The deadline for submitting an LOI is August 31, 2026.

The invited applications will be due by November 30, 2026.

LOIs and applications must be submitted electronically using the HHH-IRC Grant Application form through the Indian River Community Foundation’s website. [ircommunityfoundation.org](http://ircommunityfoundation.org)

**Successful applicants will be notified no later than March 1, 2027.**

**LOIs and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Applicants may be asked to make oral presentations of their proposals, or allow site visits, as part of the evaluation process.

### **Questions?**

Questions about the application process or the eligibility of the grant program may be addressed to Paul Pronsky, Board Member and Grant Manager of HHH-IRC at [pronskypaul@gmail.com](mailto:pronskypaul@gmail.com).