



Sarasota County's Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program (NIGP) provides matching grants of up to \$10,000. Homeowners associations, civic organizations and other resident-based groups located in Sarasota County may apply.

The Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program meets its objectives through five project themes:

- Character – “place-making” through the creation or enhancement of assets that are a source of neighborhood pride and identity
- Leadership – training neighborhood leaders or teams, and developing skills, for neighborhood governance or action
- Safety – equipping the neighborhood with knowledge or tools to prevent, prepare for, confront or respond to incidences of crime, danger or disaster
- Environment – protecting water & energy resources, and native plants & animals
- Health – increasing access to nutritious diets, physical or mental fitness opportunities, or health education

The application process takes approximately seven months to complete:

1. A neighborhood representative attends a mandatory application seminar.
2. The neighborhood notifies Neighborhood Services of its intent to apply, thereby initiating consultations with county staff.
3. The neighborhood researches best practices, regulatory obligations, and costs; and determines how to make its match. The application is completed and submitted.
4. The neighborhood receives feedback from Sarasota County staff, and is given the opportunity to respond. Staff comments and neighborhood responses are then shared with the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Advisory Committee (NIGAC) members.
5. The neighborhood sends a representative to attend the NIGAC scoring meeting. The NIGAC scores and recommends applications for approval. Applications are scored on Public Benefit, Community Support, Community Need, and Community Strengthening.
6. The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approves the applications.

Approved projects must be completed, and Final Report submitted, within one year of the BCC approval date.

For more information about the grant process and to register for a seminar, contact:

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Services (941) 861-5000 or  
Email: [neighbor@scgov.net](mailto:neighbor@scgov.net)



**Workshop Dates**  
Fall 2018 – Cycle 31

Completion of an Application Seminar is a mandatory step of the grant application process. Neighbors with a Certificate of Completion date of more than three years ago are required to re-certify.

Application Seminars are free and materials will be provided. Seminars will include an in-depth explanation of the program details, processes, and application.

Twenty-four hour advance registration for a seminar is required. Contact 941-861-5000 or [neighbor@scgov.net](mailto:neighbor@scgov.net) to reserve your seat. Please indicate:

- The date and location of the seminar you wish to attend
- First and last name
- Phone number and email address
- Neighborhood represented
- Number of seats required

<p><b>Tuesday, February 20</b> Gulf Gate Library 7112 Curtiss Avenue 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 7</b> Gulf Gate Library 7112 Curtiss Avenue 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, April 3</b> Selby Library 1331 First Street 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>
<p><b>Monday, April 9</b> Shannon Staub Library 4675 Career Lane 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 12</b> Jacaranda Library 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday, April 19</b> North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Blvd 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>Friday, April 27</b> Administration Center 1660 Ringling Blvd 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>		

Neighborhood Services must receive:

- Intent to Apply by **5:00pm, June 15, 2018** to accommodate staff consultations.
- Completed application by **5:00pm, August 15, 2018.**

Grants are scheduled to be scored by the NIGAC on **September 11, 2018**, and presented to the Board of County Commissioners on **October 23, 2018.**