



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 submits an intent to apply, triggering an onsite consultation with county staff (if applicable).
3. The neighborhood researches best practices, regulatory obligations, and costs; and determines how to make its match. The neighborhood completes and submits the application.
4. The application is reviewed by county staff and members of the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Advisory Committee (NIGAC).
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 Commission approves the applications. ***No activities falling within the scope of the application/project may be initiated prior to Commission approval.***

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

For more information about the grant process and to register for a seminar, contact Sarasota County's Neighborhood Services at (941) 861-5000 or email neighbor@scgov.net



Application Seminars
Spring 2020 – Cycle 33

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 any seminar is required. Contact 941-861-5000 or 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 requested

<p>Monday, November 25 Administration Center <i>1660 Ringling Blvd, 2nd Floor A/B</i> 8:30am – 10:30am</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 4 Gulf Gate Library <i>7112 Curtiss Ave, Room A</i> 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 10 Administration Center <i>1660 Ringling Blvd, 2nd Floor A/B</i> 11am – 1pm</p>
<p>Friday, December 13 Shannon Staub Library <i>4675 Career Lane, Room 139</i> 11am – 1pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 17 William H. Jervy Jr. Library <i>300 Nokomis Ave S Community Room</i> 2pm – 4pm</p>	

Neighborhood Services must receive:

- Intent to Apply by **5:00pm, January 13, 2020** to accommodate staff consultations.
- Completed application by **5:00pm, March 23, 2020.**

Grants will be scored by the NIGAC on **April 23, 2020** and are tentatively scheduled for presentation to the County Commission in **June 2020.**