



### ABOUT THE RASM REALTORS® CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

As REALTORS®, we believe everyone should be proud of their community and have a safe place to call home. That's why RASM members invest in communities where we live, work, and play.

The RASM REALTORS® Charitable Foundation is the charitable arm of the REALTOR® Association of Sarasota and Manatee (RASM), providing funding for individuals and not-for-profit organizations in the Sarasota and Manatee region that enhance the quality of life in the community. The Foundation was established in 2020 to consolidate RASM's scholarship and community-giving programs and to have a greater impact in the region.

### OUR MISSION

*To support housing needs, real-estate related charities, local scholarships and REALTORS® in crisis.*

As housing experts, it's a natural fit for us to support non-profit organizations that create homeownership opportunities and help bring stability into the lives of those in need. Since its official founding in 2020, the RASM REALTORS® Charitable Foundation has donated more than \$227,000 to local housing-related charitable organizations fighting housing insecurity, homelessness, and emergency shelter response.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The RRCF has traditionally supported local non-profits selected as beneficiaries of RASM's many fundraisers. In recent years, we've expanded this impact through a grant application process that allows more organizations to benefit.

### GRANT PROJECTS

RRCF grants will support your organization's housing-related projects in Sarasota and Manatee communities. When filling out the application, be specific about your project and how it supports housing-related issues.

### BENEFICIARIES

If your organization meets the eligibility criteria for receiving funds from the RRCF (see reverse for eligibility), you will also be approved to become a beneficiary of one of our fundraisers. A list of approved charitable organizations shall be maintained and made available to the RASM committees who considering a fundraiser for a charity. If your organization is not already an approved beneficiary, you can fill out the first part of grant application to be added to the list. Organizations will be notified in advance if and when they are selected as a fundraising benefactor.

### GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE

- ✓ **May 1, 2026** Grant applications open
- ✓ **June 5, 2026** Grant applications close
- ✓ **August 2026** Notification of funding decision
- ✓ **September 2026** Grants payable
- ✓ **April 2027** Midterm report due for grantees
- ✓ **September 2027** Final report due for grantees



# GRANT SEEKERS GUIDE

## ELIGIBILITY

The RRCF may provide support in the form of a grant and/or benefactor donation to local 501(c)(3) charitable organizations whose mission is, in whole or in part, real-estate related, such as affordable housing, combating homelessness, providing emergency shelter, etc.

The following information shall be reviewed at a minimum in determining the eligibility to receive donations from the RRCF.

1. A copy of their IRS determination letter approving the organization as a 501(c)(3) charity;
2. A copy of their most recent IRS Form 990 (tax filing);
3. A statement from the organization explaining the percentage of donated funds directed to their charitable programs vs. toward administrative expenses;
4. Evidence that the organization has been operating for at least 3 years;
5. The charity shall provide their programs within our RASM's jurisdiction.

*Our grant application gives you the opportunity to provide the information listed above.*

## INSTRUCTIONS

The RASM REALTORS® Charitable Foundation utilizes Jotform, an online application management system, for grant applications and reviews. Once you create a Jotform account, you may view the application form in its entirety. You may also save and return to the application at a later date.

**Once you submit the application, it will be available for review by the RRCF Grants Task Force.** The application deadline is midnight on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Potential grantees may be contacted for a meeting with the RRCF Grants Task Force.

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