

**Beaches Community Fund Seeking Preliminary Applications**  
*Apply Now for 2018 Grant Cycle*



**Jacksonville, Florida** – December 1, 2017 – The Beaches Community Fund is pleased to announce that it is accepting Preliminary Applications for grants available in 2018. Grant opportunities exist for 501c3 organizations and/or units of local government with programs or projects that serve the Beaches communities, from Mayport to Guana.

The Beaches Community Fund is a collective giving circle based within The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. As determined by its members, the fund has prioritized three grantmaking priorities: early childhood education, access to transportation and strengthening Beaches nonprofit organizations. Any 501c3 nonprofit organization or governmental unit may apply for funding that addresses one or more of those issues. The deadline to apply is **Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00 pm EST**.

A Preliminary Application is the first step in making application for a 2018 grant. Organizations that submit a Preliminary Application may then be asked to complete a Full Application to complete the application process. To learn more and to apply, visit [www.jaxcf.org/learn/beaches-community-fund](http://www.jaxcf.org/learn/beaches-community-fund). If you are unable to submit your application through this link, you must contact the Foundation prior to January 3 to make other arrangements for submitting an application.

**About the Beaches Community Fund**

The Beaches Community Fund, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, is a collective giving circle of like-minded philanthropists who strive to address basic human service issues in the area east of the Intracoastal Waterway from Mayport to Guana. In its first two years of grantmaking, the Beaches Community Fund awarded nearly \$400,000 in grants ranging in size from \$5,000 to \$75,000.

For more information about becoming a member, go to [www.jaxcf.org/learn/beaches-community-fund](http://www.jaxcf.org/learn/beaches-community-fund) or contact Joanne E. Cohen, Vice President, Philanthropic Services at [jcohen@jaxcf.org](mailto:jcohen@jaxcf.org) or (904) 356-4483.

**About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 52nd year, the Foundation has assets of \$343 million and has made grants of \$410 million since 1964.

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