

# Innovation Grant Application Process

Innovation Grants awarded as part of the Flagler Catalyst Fund will be larger multi-year grants to fund well developed concepts that would yield measurable outcomes for people in the community.

Submissions will be accepted all year round. The deadline to submit ideas for the first funding cycle was July 15, 2022. Any submissions received after that date will be considered in the second funding cycle.



Stage in Application Process	Description of applicant's responsibilities
Screening and Idea Submission (online form)	Visit <a href="http://www.flaglercares.org/catalyst/">www.flaglercares.org/catalyst/</a> and complete the online form by July 15. You will provide basic information and answer questions about how you intend to serve Flagler County residents if awarded a grant.
Interview	After Flagler Cares reviews your submission, you may be contacted to schedule an interview for further discussion of your ideas, your technical support needs, management of your project, and more.
Invitation to Submit Full Proposal	You may be invited to submit a formal proposal to Flagler Cares, due by August 31. This proposal will include things like how your project aligns with the core values of the Flagler Catalyst Fund, existing capacity to manage your project, your budget and timeline, and your plans for sustainability.
Evaluation by Finance Committee	The Flagler Cares Finance Committee will convene to review your proposal and determine funding amount, not to exceed \$250,000 per year for a maximum of three years.
Stakeholder Review	A committee of community stakeholders may be convened to review your proposal. This diverse group will consist of leaders in the community who understand the needs and gaps that exist in Flagler County and have the appropriate background and experience to decide if your proposed project will fill in those gaps.
Negotiation of Funding Agreement	Flagler Cares will contact you and will begin the process of finalizing a Funding Agreement.
Implementation, Ongoing Monitoring, and Support	You will be expected to comply with routine monitoring and reporting requirements, all of which will be detailed in your Funding Agreement. Flagler Cares will be available throughout the life of your grant agreement for some additional supports.
Process Review and Evaluation	Flagler Cares will evaluate successes and failures from this round of accepting applications and assess any changes to improve the next round. This may include revisiting applications that were not accepted during the round in which they were submitted and reevaluating them in the next round.