



## Mary N. Porter Legacy Fund

### Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Which Issues that Matter should I apply under?**

Please refer to [cfbroward.org/Issues-that-Matter](http://cfbroward.org/Issues-that-Matter) for information on all ten of the Issues that Matter and find which one best applies to your capital campaign. More than one Issues that Matter area can be represented by your application. For example, if your organization helps match senior animals with senior citizens over 80 years old both *Dignity in Aging* and *Animal Welfare* would be represented and should be mentioned in the application.

**2. How much of the campaign goal has to be raised before applying?**

A minimum of 25% of your total campaign goal must be *committed* or *pledged* before applying to the Mary Porter RFP. The 25% minimum does not have to be collected but the organization must have proof that board members, donors, corporations, sponsors, etc. have made a pledge or commitment that collectively demonstrates 25% of the campaign goal has been raised and committed to the capital project.

**3. Do I have to raise the 1:1 match before I receive Mary Porter funds?**

The Mary Porter funds will be awarded over a four year period. This same time frame is provided to nonprofits to raise their matching funds. For example, if the organization is awarded \$400,000 from the Mary Porter Legacy Fund, the organization will be granted \$100,000/year for four years. The organization will be expected to show they have raised \$100,000/year for the four years as well. Flexibility in terms of the amount awarded per year can be negotiated based on construction and building needs.

**4. Can the dollars be used for machinery, cars, or other equipment?**

The Mary Porter Legacy Fund accepts applications for capital projects that take the form of building construction, expansion or renovation and/or the purchase of major equipment that will be capitalized, has the life of many years and is of significance. Please take into consideration that equipment must still provide an opportunity for Mary's name to be displayed with longevity.

**5. What is the biggest or smallest amount our organization can request/apply for?**

The largest award granted by the Porter committee will be \$1 million. There is no minimum amount. However, please take into consideration the size of the first grant cycle awards when considering if the requested amount aligns with the mission of the Mary Porter Capital Grant. Mary Porter funds will be granted to sizable projects that provide the infrastructure to create new or expanded programs and services.

**6. Can a city apply for the Mary Porter grant?**

As the Foundation makes an effort to align the Mary Porter Legacy Fund with Mary's giving history and philanthropic impact, we must look to who Mary gave to during her lifetime. In researching her historic gifts, Mary did not make it a habit to grant to cities or government entities. Instead, Mary focused on gifting directly to the service providers to impact the community and its residents. Therefore, the Foundation has opted to only allow cities to apply that are in collaboration with a nonprofit with the campaign project demonstrating a charitable component. This collaboration must be governed by a Board of Directors and show a strong correlation with one of the Issues that Matter.

**7. Can our organization still apply for the regularly schedule Issues that Matter grant cycle if we are apply for Mary Porter grant?**

Nonprofits that support Broward County in one of the Issues that Matter areas are encouraged to apply for the both the Mary Porter Capital Grant as well as for the regularly scheduled Issues that Matter grant cycle. Dates for the Issues that Matter application deadlines can be found at <http://cfbroward.org/Resources-for-Nonprofits/Grants>.

**8. Can our organization apply next year to the Porter grant?**

The Mary Porter Legacy Fund opens is expected to re-open again in 2022.

For additional questions, please reach out to Justine Morgan, Charitable Funds Manager at 954-761-9503 x 110 or [JMorgan@cfbroward.org](mailto:JMorgan@cfbroward.org). Justine is fielding calls from nonprofit organizations applying on Friday afternoons between 2-3pm. Please feel free to reach her by phone at that time.