



## **NCEF Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What is the funding cycle for a traditional grant?**

**NCEF funding cycles are July 1-June 30.**

**2. How do I apply for an NCEF grant?**

**Applications open mid-May and are due the third week in August. The application link can be found on the Grant Recipients page of the NCEF website.**

**3. How do I know if my organization is eligible for an NCEF grant?**

**The Grant Guidelines (found on the Grant Recipients Page) explain the eligibility requirements.**

**4. When will I be notified if my application was accepted for funding?**

**Award notifications are made in mid-February, following the annual Naples Winter Wine Festival.**

**5. How much should I apply for?**

**NCEF's philosophy is to invest in a smaller number of organizations in order to make a greater impact. Funding typically does not exceed 50% of a program's operation budget or 20% of an organization's annual operating budget.**

**6. Does NCEF fund start-ups?**

**No. NCEF looks to invest in organizations with a proven track record of successful outcomes. An organization must be in operation, serving Collier County children, for at least one year prior to applying.**

**7. I just applied to the IRS to become a 501 (c) 3, can I apply?**

**You must be officially awarded 501 (c) 3 status by the time your application is submitted.**

**8. What are the reporting requirements if we are awarded a grant from NCEF?**

**All grantees are required to submit quarterly reports. The report questions primarily focus on outcomes and quarterly expenditures, and are submitted via Versaic, the online grants management system.**

**9. If our service area is outside of Collier County can we apply?**

**NCEF only awards grants to organizations that serve Collier County children.**

**10. Can I apply as an individual/family for direct grant support of my child?**

**No. NCEF funding is only awarded to registered 501 (c) 3 organizations that serve at-risk and underprivileged children.**

**11. Will I have an opportunity to present my request to the Grant Committee?**

**Unfortunately, with the large of amount of grant applications that NCEF receives each year, there is not enough time to allow for presentations of your request.**

**If you have further questions, after reviewing the Grant Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions, please contact Sarah Zaiser, Grants Director at [sarah@napleswinefestival.com](mailto:sarah@napleswinefestival.com).**