

Grants available for nonprofits

Southwest Florida Community Foundation

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation Founders Grant Cycle deadline for applications is Nov. 6.

All applications must be completed and received by mail or delivered to the Community Foundation office, at 8260 College Parkway Suite 101, no later than 4 p.m.

The Founders Grant Cycle is open to all nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status serving primarily Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.



This grant cycle targets programs and projects with smaller budgets or

needs. Grant awards are no larger than \$5,000. For more information on the grant guidelines, please go to the Foundation's website at www.floridacommunity.com or call Carol McLaughlin, Chief Program officer, at 274-5900.

Last year's Founders Grant Cycle awarded a total of more than \$106,000 in grants to 25 nonprofit organizations.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation has been connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs for more than 30 years. With more than \$55 million in assets and 313 funds, the Community Foundation has given more than \$25 million in grants and scholarships throughout the Southwest Florida community.

City of Fort Myers

The City of Fort Myers has \$224,000 available for nonprofit youth service groups. The City Council made the funds available at the final budget hearing last month. Applications and instructions to apply for the Community Agency Support Program are available online at www.cityftmyers.com. Additional assistance is available by calling the Budget Office at 332-6792.

Completed applications for CASP will be accepted until Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m. by the City of Fort Myers Budget Office, 2200 Second Street. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

The City's Community Agency Funding Committee will consider funding for agencies that provide youth services; basic subsistence programs such as food, housing and emergency shelter; and programs providing the basic skills to promote independent living and self-sufficiency within the City of Fort Myers community. ■

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FLORIDA LAW STATES THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES MUST GIVE DISCOUNTS TO HOMEOWNERS WHO PROTECT THEIR HOMES AGAINST HURRICANES.

Southwest Floridians have seen in the past few years the great damage that hurricanes and storms can cause if windows and doors are not covered. You will pay for hurricane protection, whether you own it or not. Living in sunny Florida carries with it a responsibility to protect homes and property against hurricanes. One of the most significant changes that a homeowner can make in the cost of wind-related insurance premiums is to protect the openings of a home with approved hurricane shutters or impact-resistant glass. If these are rated to withstand at least 110-mph winds and also impact from windborne debris, a homeowner will receive the full scheduled premium credit.

Review insurance policies now to make sure coverage is adequate.

Contact the Florida Department of Financial Services in your city for detailed information on insurance. In addition, this office will review policies for homeowners.

Remember: Insurance companies stop writing policies when a named hurricane moves into the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean off Florida. Obtaining insurance from the state backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. may take weeks.

Inc. Magazine Recognizes Storm Smart in Annual 'Inc. 500' List

Fort Myers, Fla. — Storm Smart Industries, the largest hurricane protection company in Southwest Florida, has been included by Inc. Magazine in its annual "Inc. 500" list of the fastest-growing privately held companies in America. Coming in at Number 387, Storm Smart is the highest listed hurricane protection company, as well as the only honoree, based in Fort Myers.

While Storm Smart has been experiencing triple-digit growth for the past several years, the past two years of increased storm activity have brought hurricane preparedness to the forefront of people's minds.

Brian Rist, Owner and CEO of Storm Smart Industries, states "We take great pride in how our team of more than 150 committed professionals have risen to the challenges of such tremendous growth and continue to provide our customers with first-rate products and service. I want to take this time to personally thank every member of the Storm Smart family, especially our wonderful customers who have entrusted us with the protection of their homes, and ultimately, the safety of their family's lives. We do not take that responsibility lightly and will continue to earn that trust, one customer at a time."

While Storm Smart has an extensive advertising program, the majority of sales originate from customer referrals, a fact that employees take with great pride.

Along with this year's "Inc. 500" listing, Storm Smart has also been recognized by the Lee County Economic Development Office as the Ninth Largest Manufacturing Company in Lee County, as well as receiving a "2006 Best" award from The News-Press.

Brian Rist, President of Storm Smart Industries, has been helping residents prepare their homes against wind, rain and heat for nearly a decade. If you have any questions or need information about today's articles, please call Storm Smart Industries at 239-278-9092.

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