

**Mary Moody Northen Endowment
Galveston Community Investment (GCI)
Grant Overview**

The Mary Moody Northen Endowment is a private foundation which awards grants to support non-profit organizations whose work benefits the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Texas. The Endowment's current priority is its new Galveston Community Investment (GCI) grant program. The board of Directors launched this program to honor Mrs. Northen's affection for Galveston and reflect the Board of Directors' own commitment to this community.

The Board will allocate all available Endowment resources to GCI grants during 2021; no other grant requests will be accepted.

The framework for this new grant-making endeavor is as follows:

1. Organizations requesting funds must expend GCI grant funds exclusively for the direct benefit of the people of Galveston Island.
2. The request must demonstrate a GCI grant will accomplish one or more of the following:
 - a. Enable the organization to purchase equipment/vehicles/real estate/supplies essential to the delivery of services and/or accomplishment of its mission;
 - b. Enable the organization to provide services at the core of its mission to the population it has been established to serve;
 - c. Leverage funds that otherwise would not be available to the organization;
 - d. Partner with one or more entities to serve shared clients;
 - e. Respond to an urgent and unexpected situation that impacts the organization's ability to operate. Requests that are clearly urgent or emergencies can be considered outside the regular grant cycle. Please contact the Endowment's Executive Director.
3. The request should not exceed \$10,000. Please be mindful that the Endowment welcomes requests for smaller amounts.
4. An organization is limited to one grant per calendar year.
5. Requests will be considered at the Mary Moody Northen Endowment's February, June, and October meetings. Submission deadlines can be found in the Grant Guidelines.

The members of the board hope agencies serving the people of Galveston Island will find GCI grants helpful. The board would welcome your feedback on the effectiveness of the program and its administration after your particular grant process is complete.