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**CALENDAR NOTE: Apply for Selby Foundation SAM Grants
starting February 1**

SARASOTA, Florida - The William G. and Marie Selby Foundation SAM Grants Cycle **opens on Wednesday, February 1, and will close at 3:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1.** The [Grant Portal](#) will be open during that period for area not-for-profit organizations to create an account and access existing accounts as they begin the application process. Grant recipients will be notified by Wednesday, May 31.

Awarded tri-annually, the Small and Mighty (SAM) grants were created to meet the emerging needs of area nonprofits with operating expenses under \$300,000. The Foundation's grants support the construction, acquisition and/or renovation of facilities, as well as the purchase of equipment or software. These grants may also include the costs of related technical services. Projects focusing on education, human services, arts and community projects including history, science, and/or the environment will be given top priority.

Carol Butera, President and CEO of the Selby Foundation shares that "these grants have allowed smaller nonprofit organizations in our region to access support that helps them raise the bar on the services and outreach they can provide to those they serve in their communities."

SAM Grant Impact

In DeSoto County, Links To Success received \$14,942 for laptops and presentation equipment to assist students' exposure in leadership, education, and career opportunities with a focus on post-secondary education attainment. According to Ashley Coone, Co-Founder of the organization, "This investment will aid in their quest to extend programming to more students and their families, as well. With limited locations that have technology in DeSoto, the organization will be able to provide important year-round training and other resources throughout the community."

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The Selby Foundation is a private foundation founded by William G. and Marie Selby in 1955. The Foundation supports Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties through capital grants and scholarships. Since its establishment, the Selby Foundation has provided more than \$120 million to the community. For more information on the Foundation's grant and scholarship application process, including its Small and Mighty Grants program, visit www.selbyfdn.org.

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