

For Immediate Release:

Council approves non-profit grant funding awards

MARATHON, FL (Aug. 12, 2026) – The Marathon City Council, following its June workshop, has awarded nearly \$100,000 in grant funds to a variety of area non-profit organizations.



In total, the council awarded \$99,988 to 35 local non-profits at its Tuesday, Aug. 11, meeting at Marathon City Hall.

Grace Jones Community Center, a licensed child center offering daycare and after-care programs, requested \$15,000 and received more than half – \$8,850 – in funding.

Also receiving half of their requested amount was Payton's Promise Sanctuary, which provides for senior and special needs dogs. The non-profit requested \$1,000 and was awarded \$500.

The Florida International University Board of Trustees requested \$10,000; council awarded \$200, the least amount of any award.

The purpose of the grant funding is to provide financial assistance to non-profit organizations delivering programs, projects, or services benefiting residents of the City of Marathon.

Funding is intended to support essential community services, enhance quality of life, and address documented community needs while avoiding duplication of benefits and unnecessary duplication of services.

The non-profit grant funding comes directly from the city's general budget allocations, as approved and set aside by the Marathon City Council each fiscal year.

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Record #	Nonprofit Name	Grant Request	Awarded Funding
NPO-26-2	Forgotten Felines of the Florida Keys Inc	\$3,000.00	\$700
NPO-26-3	United Way of Collier and the Keys	\$5,000.00	\$3,000
NPO-26-4	Habitat for Humanity of the Middle Keys, Inc.	\$4,547.73	\$3,319
NPO-26-5	The Hammock House	\$10,000.00	\$5,800
NPO-26-6	Marathon Yacht Club Educational Foundation dba Middle Keys Sailing	\$5,000.00	\$1,550
NPO-26-7	Crane Point Museum & Nature Center	\$5,000.00	\$2,360
NPO-26-8	Keys AHEC Health Centers	\$9,000.00	\$3,900
NPO-26-9	Save-A-Turtle of the Florida Keys, Inc.	\$6,400.00	\$680
NPO-26-10	Womankind	\$5,500.00	\$3,300
NPO-26-11	Literacy Volunteers of America-Monroe County, Inc.	\$5,000.00	\$550
NPO-26-12	Payton's Promise Sanctuary	\$1,000.00	\$500
NPO-26-13	Monroe County Education Foundation	\$10,000.00	\$4,900
NPO-26-14	Special Olympics Florida	\$5,000.00	\$3,300
NPO-26-15	MINIFINS SOFTBALL INC.	\$5,000.00	\$1,500
NPO-26-16	Community Cooperative Preschool INC	\$6,000.00	\$4,400
NPO-26-17	Autism Society of the Keys	\$10,000.00	\$4,000
NPO-26-18	THE MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE INC	\$3,500.00	\$1,100
NPO-26-19	Florida International University Board of Trustees	\$10,000.00	\$200
NPO-26-20	Independence Cay	\$10,000.00	\$3,200
NPO-26-21	Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc.	\$25,000.00	\$4,300
NPO-26-22	Florida Keys SPCA	\$10,000.00	\$2,700
NPO-26-23	Keys Area Interdenominational Resources - KAIR	\$10,000.00	\$4,060
NPO-26-24	Good Health Clinic, Inc.	\$10,000.00	\$2,900
NPO-26-25	Grace Jones Community Center (GJCC)	\$15,000.00	\$8,850
NPO-26-26	Marathon Wild Bird Center	\$15,000.00	\$2,000
NPO-26-27	The Last Resort Ministry, Inc	\$5,000.00	\$1,700
NPO-26-28	Heart of the Keys Recreation aka Marathon Rec Center	\$15,000.00	\$6,500
NPO-26-29	Conch Republic Marine Army	\$2,400.00	\$1,380
NPO-26-30	Florida Keys Children's Shelter	\$3,498.00	\$2,099
NPO-26-31	Guidance Care Center - The Heron	\$10,037.16	\$1,800
NPO-26-32	Wesley House Family Services	\$3,000.00	\$1,400
NPO-26-33	The Educational Coalition for Monroe County (ECMC)	\$18,000.00	\$4,900
NPO-26-34	Marathon Memorial Foundation Corp	\$15,000.00	\$2,740
NPO-26-35	The Salvation Army	\$8,000.00	\$1,600
NPO-26-36	Seacamp Association, Inc.	\$6,000.00	\$2,800
	Total	\$275,882.89	\$99,988
	Lowest	\$1,000.00	\$200
	Highest	\$25,000.00	\$8,850
	Average	\$8,360.09	\$2,897

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