

**Zonta Foundation of SWFL, Inc., Invites Preliminary Applications
For Grants to Be Awarded January 2019**

The Zonta Foundation of Southwest Florida, the non-profit arm of the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva, is seeking preliminary applications from 501(c)(3) organizations in Lee County and Southwest Florida for a 2019 grant. The grant cycle begins now, with distribution of grants at the Foundation's breakfast meeting on January 16, 2019.

The mission of Zonta International is to empower women and girls through service, advocacy and funding. To this end, the Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva and the Zonta Foundation of SWFL, Inc., focus on education, economic self-sufficiency, safety, and health for women and girls. Successful preliminary grant applications will be on mission, i.e. focusing on one or more of these aspects of empowering women. They will also be **specific**, with stated measurable outcomes. Organizations that have previously received grants from Zonta are encouraged to submit innovative programs that expand upon the results of prior projects or that introduce new initiatives. Collaborative projects between two or more 501(c)(3) organizations are welcomed.

Applicants are advised of the following:

- Since Zonta is non-sectarian, applications from organizations with a faith-based or religious connection will not be considered.
- Submitting a preliminary grant application does NOT insure that a non-profit will be invited to submit a final, more detailed application.
- Submitting a final grant application does NOT insure that a non-profit will receive funding for the 2019 grant cycle.
- Applicants invited to submit a final grant application will be expected to work collaboratively as needed with a Liaison from the Zonta Foundation of SWFL, Inc.

For preliminary applications that meet the identified criteria, a final, detailed application will be distributed at the beginning of October, with a submission date of October 26, 2018.

Preliminary applications are due July 29, 2018. To download an application, please visit www.zontasancap.com. The link to the application is on our Home Page. Email the completed application to info@zontasancap.com, as well as to Grants committee co-chairs Janine Boardman, janinesanibel@yahoo.com and Diane Chesley, dhchesley@gmail.com.

The Zonta Club of Sanibel-Captiva is a service organization of professional women working together to provide hands-on assistance, advocacy and funds to strengthen women's lives on the islands, in Lee County, and around the world through Zonta International.