

2024 Grant Finalist Summary



Project Name: Pedal It Forward!

Surprisingly, nearly half of Indian River County residents are “transportation disadvantaged.” The gift of a simple bicycle can give 16,000 local citizens transportation independence!

Social assistance programs require an ID, a cell phone and reliable transportation. Bike Walk provides the needed transportation. When people can participate in support groups and training programs, they become reliable employees, are productive, and thrive. In the past two years, we’ve provided 897 bikes to citizens in need, enabling them to participate in more opportunities and become productive citizens.

Pedal It Forward! will expand The Bike Rehab Project by reaching more of those in need of transportation, streamlining the application process, promoting bike donations, training volunteer mechanics, and growing our community partner network.

The grant will enable us to hire our first part-time program director to manage our operations and guide our growth. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase essential bike tools, parts, and supplies as well as locks, lights, and helmets for our applicants. Bike Walk’s dedicated volunteer mechanics will use

these much-needed tools to repair donated bikes for members of our community who need reliable transportation.

Applicants whose financial needs are confirmed by one of our many community partners, such as UP, Youth Guidance, and Camp Haven, must complete bike safety training before being given a bike.



Recipients tell us how a bike has changed their lives. After some hardships, Joseph worked with one of our community partners to get his future on track. He received a bicycle, helmet, lock and lights at no cost from The Bike Rehab Project. Now he can get to work and connect with the GoLine bus to access healthcare, shops and services countywide.

Joseph’s is just one story. Bike Walk advances the missions of dozens of local organizations by helping their clients get where they need to go—figuratively and literally. When our Community Partners achieve their missions, our work results in a highly amplified benefit to all Indian River County.

An Impact 100 grant will Pedal It Forward!