

**2020 IMPACT POLK GRANT AWARDS**

Program Area	Organization Name	Project Name	Brief Project Description	Amount Awarded
<b>Arts and Culture</b>				
	<b>Family Literacy Academy at Lake Wales</b>	The Arts & Children At-Risk III	Family Literacy Academy's (FLA) project will provide arts related sessions weekly to the children of our enrolled ESOL and GED parents. The sessions will include such activities as music, dance, theater and visual arts. Through the arts children learn life skills such as working with people, resolving conflict, expressing themselves appropriately. Parents will participate in some of the sessions to have the opportunity to share the "arts " as a family and carry it into their home. The project will demonstrate to our program adults the importance of expanding their family's arts and cultural experiences.	\$5,000.00
	<b>Platform Art, Inc.</b>	Platform Kids 2020/2021	Platform Kids (PK) 2020/2021 presents visual and performing art created by students, grades 1-12, nurturing a love for art and giving young artists a forum to exhibit their talents and encourage further study. The 2018/2019 PK program attracted 500+ participants, including 350 students; 30 public/private/magnet schools and community arts organizations; 7 cultural arts partners; and 200 general public members. The program includes a student public art design exhibit of our 2020/2021 signature public art project—a second sculpture for the Bonnet Springs Park Sensory Botanical Garden. The grades 1-12 exhibit and public art sculpture design entries complement our core program, initiated in 2008, working with Polk County schools and students to create and exhibit art at an annual juried art show and event.	\$10,000.00

<b>Lakeland Community Theatre, Inc.</b>	Out of the Box Theatre Troupe for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities	"Out of the Box" is Lakeland Community Theatre's "troupe with unique abilities." This theatre troupe, now in it's ninth season, has grown to over 120 special needs members (and counting!) ages 8 to 60 plus. Our goal is to continue weekly classes and perform a free show for the community every spring and fall. The full budget for this very popular, ever-growing program has now exceeded \$20,000, but we would be grateful for partial funding. This program offers a very unique population a creative outlet, an educational experience, and a sense of belonging in our community at no cost to them.	\$10,000.00
<b>Lakeland Choral Society Inc</b>	Sing Polk	The Lakeland Choral Society is reporting on "Sing Polk" a community engagement initiative. Sing Polk reaches the community where they are, creating opportunities to engage casual and new singers, through a series of workshops and partner performances that remind the community of the uplifting power of choral music. Funding supports the Sing Polk series of programs which includes workshops, a series of adult programs within the community and a partnership concert in the Lakeland/Polk County area.	\$2,500.00
<b>Lake Wales Arts Council, Inc.</b>	Summer Arts Camp	2020 Summer Arts Camp provideS Lake Wales students with the opportunity to participate in high-quality arts education at an affordable cost. Our current collaboration with Lake Wales Charter Schools and Boys and Girls Club has brought to our attention the severity of economic hardship within our community. The Lake Wales Arts Council would like to create economically-appropriate classes for our students without sacrificing the quality of educators and supplies. We have held the Summer Arts Camp program for over 20 years and we stand to positively affect the lives of over 500 at-risk low-income students in the Lake Wales area.	\$2,500.00

	<p><b>Florida Dance Theatre</b></p>	<p>The Movement Discovery Project - An STEM Program with the Art of Dance</p>	<p>The Movement Discovery project is an initiative developed to diversify and enrich arts programming in Title one underserved schools of Polk County. We will collaborate with elementary/middle school educators to bring a two-pronged approach to change student engagement with the art of dance. By incorporating literature, students' cognitive and social skills will enhance as they participate in assigned reading with teachers and classmates while working with FDT dancers and choreographers in structured movement to result in a final performance. The second approach combines dance with the complexities of science, engineering and technology. We will partner with faculty and students of Florida PolyTechnic University's Arts Lab in mapping human movement, detect emotion, pinpoint muscle activation and intensities.</p>	<p>\$15,000.00</p>
<p><b>Community, Environmental</b></p>	<p><b>Lakeland Habitat for Humanity</b></p>	<p>Vets helping Vets</p>	<p>Veterans volunteering with Lakeland Habitat will help other low-income disabled Veterans under 70 years of age as well as elderly people with disabilities with needed ramps. All funds will be used to purchase the materials needed for the ramp project. This project will help to expand our repair program for our veterans with Vets helping Vets. Lakeland Habitat's volunteers enable us to do twice as many project by saving the cost of labor.</p>	<p>\$10,000.00</p>
	<p><b>Young Life of Polk County</b></p>	<p>Young Life Camp Scholarships</p>	<p>YL is for EVERY kid regardless of their background. In the difficult adolescent years, YL leaders walk alongside teens in Polk County schools offering hope, encouragement, and for many, light in a dark place. Trained leaders introduce teens to Jesus Christ by mentoring them and being a consistent safe presence in their lives. Funding is for our camping program in order to provide scholarships to teenagers in financial need.</p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>

<b>Camp Fire U.S.A. Sunshine Council</b>	Service-Learning Trips	Camp Fire's Service-Learning trips focus on programs for teens in 6th through 12th grade who will participate in one of our three overnight service-learning trips - Alternative Spring Break, Nature Quest and CF66 Service-Learning Road Trip. Quality overnight programs are expensive, and many teens never get the opportunity to experience them. The youth we serve come from all socio-economic backgrounds and our camps are a first chance for many of these youths to experience being outdoors to learn about nature firsthand and give back to the community through hands on community service projects, learning valuable lessons in leadership and volunteerism. They will identify and implement solutions to issues facing those living in Polk County, provide manpower by helping other non-profits, and learn how to become future leaders in our community. This grant will assist in providing funding necessary to establish and maintain high-quality leadership programming for interested Polk County teens.	\$9,297.00
<b>TLC PetSnip, Inc.</b>	Affordable Pet Care for Polk	TLC PetSnip's primarily serves low-income individuals, people that receive government assistance and animal rescue organizations.TLC PetSnip, Inc. works closely with Polk County Animal Services and provides spay and neuter services to shelter animals in an effort to increase adoption rates and reduce euthanasia rates within the shelter.TLC PetSnip, Inc. also offers low-cost vaccinations and minor injury/illness care to dogs and cats.TLC PetSnip would like to provide veterinary services to an undeserved population of pet owners that are not financially able to alter their dogs and cats.	\$2,500.00
<b>Hearing Loss Association of America</b>	Hearing Solutions for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students in Polk County	HLA-Lakeland Chapter supports the hearing impaired through education, advocacy, assistive listening devices and technical hearing environment. Hearing Loss statistics show that there are about 17,000 Hard of hearing students in Polk County who need help. To help facilitate improved communication assistance will be in the form of FM System, classroom looping, Ipads, listeners and headsets.	\$3,000.00

<b>Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches</b>	Harmony In The Streets - Polk County	Harmony in the Streets is a mobile camp program that ultimately serves three purposes. The primary goal of the program is to give at risk children in low-income communities something fun and safe to do during the summer months. Second, by being mobile, the camps are able to set up in areas where children have little access to summer camp activities. And lastly, the camps allow children to meet their local law enforcement officers in a safe environment where the kids can see that "law officers are their friends" and develop a healthy relationship based on mutual respect.	\$5,000.00
<b>SPCA Florida</b>	Save the Pets of Polk	We partner with veterinary clinics to create a voucher system where low-income residents can bring their pets - or community cats - to a clinic close to them for a free spay/neuter surgery. This grant could prevent over 3,000 kittens and puppies in just one year.	\$10,000.00
<b>Paint Your Heart Out Lakeland</b>	Paint Your Heart Out Initiative 2020	With help from Lakeland volunteers of many ages, we provide free painting and property clean-up services to qualified homeowners. For these efforts, PYHO not only delivers these much needed services to homeowners, but also encourages and celebrates volunteerism in the community. This year, we planned to involve over 500 volunteers to paint a total of 20 homes.	\$2,500.00
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc</b>	A Second Chance at a Complete 180	Project Bridge has a follow-up component called Project 180 (P180). P180 provides supportive scholarships and was successfully piloted during the last six months. Outcomes show a total of 24 youth were served with a recidivism rate of only 17%. Most youth are discharged as 'job ready', but need assistance accessing resources for workforce placement where appearances make the first impression. Funding for a dedicated resource room would provide quick access to professional clothing, footwear and personal care items.	\$5,000.00

<b>Bok Tower Gardens, Inc.</b>	Discovery Days/Bok Discovery Boxes	Discovery Days promotes social, emotional, and cognitive development through art, science, team building, and healthy lifestyle activities developed by our professional educational staff in collaboration with community partners. The camp is a forum for children ages 6-12 to continue learning, while improving their health & wellness through the summer. Funding will support scholarships to children in Polk County from low-income families, so they may attend camp or receive a box to be exposed to leadership skills, cooking classes, nature encounters, and arts & culture. .	\$5,000.00
<b>Better Tomorrows</b>	Better Tomorrows' After School Program	Abbey Lane Apartments in Winter Haven house low-income families where youth lack access to the resources their more affluent peers enjoy. Better Tomorrows' After School program engages Abbey Lane youth & provides resources, support & tools to enable them to succeed in school and life through an after school program to provide homework assistance. Abbey Lane youth ages 5 to 18 years are encouraged to meet challenges in their communities by exploring science, health, technology & math opportunities. Better Tomorrows provides safe, financially accessible, structured activities for the children after school and during the summer. These supervised activities are designed to be engaging, educational and promote civic involvement and independence.	\$1,500.00
<b>Girl Scouts of West Central Florida</b>	Rising Diamonds Outreach Troops	Curriculum is research-based and developed by the Girl Scouts Research Institute and is a proven program that helps girls develop skills needed to be successful adults. Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience provides education and leadership opportunities that help girls build a strong sense of self, positive values, challenge seeking, healthy relationships, and community problem solving.	\$5,000.00

<b>Aerospace Center for Excellence</b>	STEMFusion	The Aerospace Center for Excellence seeks seed funding to launch STEMfusion – a program delivered on the ACE Expo Campus aimed at STEM learning opportunities for a projected 1,000+ (annually) elementary, middle and high school students. The program offers project-based learning experiences in a laboratory learning environment that connects STEM and aerospace concepts to national and state curriculum standards in math and science. At STEMfusion, participants will reinforce and connect classroom theories to hands on activities while also learning about STEM career opportunities in the exploding aerospace business sector.	\$3,000.00
<b>Polk State College Foundation</b>	Encouraging Leadership and Integrity Through Education (ELITE) Mentoring Project	The proposed Encouraging Leadership and Integrity Through Education (ELITE) Mentoring Project will serve low-income youth through sports-based mentoring provided by student athletes at Polk State College. The project will reinforce the importance of personal responsibility and service to the community for college athletes while providing 125 low-income upper-elementary, middle and high school youth from the greater Winter Haven area with monthly basketball clinics and summer camp. College athletes providing sports-based mentoring as part of a campus-based sports program is an effective youth development strategy because sports programs attract youth, physical activity promotes mental health and reduces stress, sports provide opportunities for youth to experience progress.	\$5,000.00
<b>Center for Independent Living in Central Florida</b>	Project SEARCH; Expansion of High School High Tech (HSHT) Program	This project will support and help sustain a major expansion of the High School High Tech (HSHT) Program in Polk County High Schools. Funding will be used along with other funding sources to provide crucial gap funding to keep that expansion in place in school year 2020-21 so that more students with disabilities can continue to benefit from its innovative and life-changing experiences.	\$3,000.00
<b>Museum of Science &amp; Industry (MOSI)</b>	MOSI in Motion Robot Round-up Program in Polk County Title I Elementary Schools	MOSI in Motion Robot Round-up Program serves 12 Polk County Title I schools. The MOSI in Motion mobile STEAM program provides access to this curriculum to students for whom a visit to MOSI may be impossible due to location, transportation and/or related costs.	\$7,500.00

<b>READ Lakeland, Inc.</b>	Technology in the 21st Century: Transportable Literacy Connection	READ Lakeland, Inc. addresses the needs of adults with low literacy and those who wish to improve their English language skills. Many adult learners do not have access to technology resources or have the technology skills that are necessary in this century. READ Lakeland supports adult learners by providing the necessary tools to improve knowledge, including access to updated iPads and study habits. We include web access to literacy applications in reading, writing, math, and English language skills in becoming a productive member of the community. Students will commit a minimum of six months to receive skills in how to be successful in learning through technology and study habits.	\$1,000.00
<b>Mulberry Community Service</b>	Personal Finance Center of Polk County	Our program, Personal Finance Center of Polk County, provides free financial education and coaching and is available to all residents of Polk County. This program extends past financial education and incorporates saving incentives, credit restoration, job credentialing scholarships and financial contributions to major life investments (i.e. home, car or business startup). During the last fiscal year 430 individuals attended Personal Finance Center of Polk County with United Way funding. This grant will allow an additional 67 individuals to be able to participate in Personal Finance Center of Polk County's financial literacy program and have access to the saving benefits.	\$5,000.00
<b>Florida Southern College</b>	Giving Polk County Children with Dyslexia the Tools to Achieve Success	At The Roberts Academy's goal is to use the most effective teaching strategies and assistive technology we can to help students become successful readers and students. Teachers have integrated iPads in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade classroom instruction increasing reading proficiency. This grant would expand iPad instruction to all Roberts Academy students.	\$5,000.00
<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee</b>	Help with Books & Tuition for College Students	We propose to assist 8 minority students who are seeking a higher education to purchase books & assist some college or trade school students with their tuition with continuing education, which will help them achieve their educational goals.	\$1,000.00



<b>Camp Gilead CBM Ministries of Florida, Inc.</b>	Camper Scholarships -- Summer 2020	We desire to help parents raise healthy, responsible, purpose-driven children so our summer programs are designed to help children and teenagers grow physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. We create a fun and peaceful atmosphere, free of outside pressures and distractions, where young people can be encouraged and challenged, resulting in changed lives. Funds would help provide financial assistance for children in Polk County who otherwise would not be able to attend a week of summer Bible camp.	\$5,000.00
<b>A Woman's Choice</b>	Teen Impact Summer Abstinence Education Program 2020	A Woman's Choice created the Teen Impact Summer Abstinence Program presented to teens, by teens who are committed to saying YES to healthy relationships and a positive future, by saying NO to pre-marital sex, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. The message about the importance of healthy lifestyles is presented in an engaging and interactive skit format by teens who are serving as role models of this lifestyle themselves. The program will be presented to approx. 300 teens during the summer.	\$5,000.00
<b>Cypress Junction Montessori, Inc.</b>	Early Education Scholarship Fund	The scholarship fund will go toward tuition costs, making full day preschool attendance possible for more families. Needs-based scholarships are an effective way to introduce Montessori education to our community.	\$5,000.00
<b>Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center</b>	Hear It to Say It	Currently, the OAE (otoacoustic emissions) device used to perform hearing screenings is over 10 years old, inoperable, and needs replacement parts no longer in production. The OAE is unique in its ability to detect an ear response, without an action from the patient, delivering an ideal testing environment for children. Funding would help purchase of a new OAE machine, which will serve over 200 speech-language patients annually, 1,400+ over the lifetime of the equipment, providing critical early detection.	\$5,000.00

<b>Lakeland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation</b>	Stuff the Bus 2020	Stuff the Bus is a back to school campaign coordinated by The Lakeland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation, Inc. Stuff the Bus provides relief for struggling families who cannot afford to purchase school supplies and will improve the classroom environment by allowing teachers to focus on teaching at the start of the school year instead of trying to find the supplies for students in need. All supplies are distributed to 28 local elementary schools before the school year begins, so teachers can assist their students.	\$5,000.00
<b>Polk Education Foundation</b>	Building Better Readers	Polk Reads was created, to target students in their formative years of learning to read, specifically kindergarten – third grade, to help them build a solid foundation of reading skills and be successful from grade to grade. Reading tutoring is provided to select students who read below grade level. Our tutors work in collaboration with teachers to provide one-on-one prescriptive tutoring sessions to help bring the students up to grade level in reading.	\$7,500.00
<b>Explorations V Children's Museum, Inc.</b>	Camp Explorations - Explorations V Children's Museum	Our Summer Camp Explorations program encompasses Storybook Camp (ages 4-6), STEAM Explorers Camp (ages 6-12) and Financial Fitness for Families (all ages) each demonstrating measurable results. This grant will provide scholarships for 35 students from low-income homes in Polk County for 8 weeks of free or subsidized hands-on adventures and include breakfast, lunch, and snacks daily. Students will engage in weekly themed art & science activities, Museum exploration and daily remediation/tutoring using fun, interactive, exciting games and activities. Highly qualified staff, using current technology and supplemental resource materials aligned with Florida Standards, will support the educational process resulting in improved reading and comprehension levels, in just 3 short summer months.	\$5,000.00

<b>YMCA of West Central Florida</b>	Kindergarten Learn to Swim Program	Kindergarten Learn to Swim Program is a 2-week interactive water safety and education program. Students prepare in their classroom for their week of swimming instruction by learning about water safety, the importance of adult supervision, and identifying dangerous areas. The following week, children are transported to one of our aquatic facilities for a full week of lessons by certified instructors. This year, we had to amend our program due to COVID-19 and the closure of schools. We were still able to give two weeks of KLTS lessons; however, our new Learn to Swim program (Safety Around Water) began on March 30. Using the same curriculum, we gave over 1,200 children free swim lessons for 25+ weeks. We are continuing these free lessons until December.	\$10,000.00
<b>Learning Resource Center of Polk County</b>	Camp READY! Summer 2020	Camp READY 2020! will be the bridge that not only spans the gaps between acquired and required skills, but allows the foundation to be built for solid, enjoyable future learning. In its 11th year, Camp READY! reaches those youngsters who often have been exposed to only a limited vocabulary or who are experiencing developmental deficiencies. School reports confirm that the campers are performing well in the first grading period and are emerging as leaders in their classrooms.	\$18,066.45
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay, Inc.</b>	Increase Number of Quality Big Brother & Big Sister Volunteers in Polk	We create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. We do this by partnering with families, volunteers, and others in the community and by holding ourselves accountable for each child in our program achieving higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors and educational success. We have a designated Partnership Director in Polk County who is deeply connected with the Polk County community and is responsible for volunteer recruitment and marketing. Our goal is getting our number of Bigs and Littles above 300 in 2020 in Polk County, to match more of the children on our wait list.	\$10,000.00

<b>Parker Street Ministries, Inc.</b>	Build a Healthy Community	Build a Healthy Community provides our neighbors opportunities to learn and experience proper nutrition, age-appropriate exercise and other healthy habits to improve their quality of life. We hope that making exercise and healthy nutrition normative for eight weeks it will help broaden the horizon of students, challenge assumptions about health, and create changes that will have long term positive effects. We ask for funds for extracurricular education and experiences in health & wellness for the children enrolled in Summer-Bridge Camp.	\$5,000.00
<b>Faith Without Works Inc.</b>	Camp Compassion 2K20	The "Camp Compassion" project is a summer day camp that is specifically designed to address the Youth Risk Factors and Character education needs. This camp includes age appropriate activities, in a variety of vital character areas that address the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional needs of youth. Camp Compassion 2k20 still provided high learning, structured e-learning, and abundant team opportunities this summer. Summer camps can run hundreds of dollars, so we are requesting funds to cover scholarships for low income families and at risk youth to attend our camp.	\$10,000.00
<b>Florence Villa Community Development Corp.</b>	FVCDC Youth Leadership Development Program	The program is designed to raise the consciousness of at-risk youth between the ages of 13-16 and empower them to maintain control of themselves and their environment by learning, practicing and inspiring good leadership qualities. Students will leave the program equipped with the life skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to confidently pursue their academic goals and leadership experiences on their campuses and within their communities. They will better understand how to take responsibility for their personal outcomes and how to more effectively influence their circle of friends and other global neighbors to also make responsible choices and be productive.	\$5,000.00

<b>HERO REVOLUTION INC</b>	You Too Can Be A H.E.R.O. and be successful in Life	Omegaman is a superhero that kids relate to and look up too. Omegaman school assemblies offer interactive presentations that promote good behavior to challenge students to be a H.E.R.O. - Helping Everyone Respect Others. Kids understand superhero terms like good guys and bad guys. When kids face challenges of learning new skills they can feel small, helpless, fearful or trouble. Funding request is to present 40 schools with a FREE PBIS/Character Development/Bullying Prevention assembly and classroom strategies to create safe, positive school climate, improve peer relations, build character and reduce bullying behavior.	\$5,000.00
<b>Frostproof Dawgs</b>	Literacy for Athletes 2020	Our project is geared toward the youth in our community. We strive to continue teaching high risk youth the skills to become successful in their future. We reach the youth through the opportunity of athletics and participation in our community. We gain their trust and establish a bond with them, so they trust us when we show them how important literacy is in everyday life and throughout their learning careers. We demonstrate life skills and give opportunity for the youth to put forth their skills taught by us with our different events held.	\$3,000.00
<b>Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay</b>	JA Signature Hero's "Effective Civic Leadership"	Junior Achievement will engage our local ROTC students in JA Signature Hero's "Effective Civic Leadership" program. This program engages students in exercises that explore leadership skills and the value of community service, while learning more about communication skills and conflict management skills. JA Teen Teachers serve as positive role models to 444 elementary students. They will present hands-on learning activities by utilizing the Junior Achievement economic education programs, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce skills programs in 22 Kindergarten through third grade classrooms. Learning practical life skills together, teens, and the children they teach, will achieve educational and economic success, inspiring them to dream big and achieve their goals!	\$5,000.00

<b>Early Learning Coalition of Polk County</b>	School Readiness Match	The School Readiness Match Program, formerly the Child Care Executive Partnership (CCEP) program, partners with local child care providers and area businesses and donors to raise funds matched by the state to provide early education and child care services to children who would otherwise be placed on a wait list for these services in Polk County. The program provides safe, affordable, high quality, early education opportunities for the children of low income families whose parents are working or going to school. The children of these low income families receive high quality early education and care that will set them on the best possible path for future success in school and in life by focusing on preparing them to enter school ready and eager to learn.	\$5,000.00
<b>Randy Roberts Foundation</b>	2020 Congressional Classroom	Randy Roberts Foundation provides a non-partisan program to educate and engage our youth in democracy and to foster an interest in public service. A five-day experiential learning trip to Washington, D.C. affords selected students from all over Polk County the opportunity to gain an inside look at our government process to reinforce state of FL education standards and promote social and emotional growth. Our 2020 Congressional Classroom requests additional financial support to provide selected Polk County students with enriched interpersonal skills, enhanced communication skills, expanded knowledge of our government in action, exposure to public service careers, and renewed vigor to civically engage.	\$5,000.00
<b>Heart for Winter Haven</b>	Scholarship Housing Community Network (SHCN)	The Scholarship Housing Community Network project is a three-phase initiative to provide housing and life services to homeless young adults who are attending post-secondary programs in the Winter Haven/Polk County Florida area. This grant focuses on Phase III of the project - Launching of SHCN with Life Services Community Plans Model and Jobs for Life training course.	\$5,000.00

<b>Lakes Education Action Drive, Inc.</b>	Getting Kids Outdoors	Schools are hampered from offering exploration beyond the classroom due to curriculum & budget restrictions. They don't adequately address science. Upon entering high school, students must pass the EOC exam in Biology to graduate. If they choose to go to college, the ACT exam is required which includes higher level science. Exposure to sciences early on is the key. Our program provides hands on environmental summer programs to include interactive educational presentations & field trips where students will participate in exciting, educational activities. Students will have an opportunity to be outdoors, learn about living things, and develop an understanding how nature works.	\$4,200.00
<b>Polk County Public Schools</b>	Supporting Students with Disabilities through Self-Regulation	Doris A. Sanders Learning Center serves students with varying Exceptionalities ages 5-22 years of age. Students are taught independent functioning/self-help, social/behavioral and communication skills. Being able to self-regulate requires self-awareness, emotional intelligence, efficient filtering of sensory stimulation, coping effectively with stress, relating well to others & sustaining focus. It's one of the big developmental tasks of childhood. Students with learning disabilities tend to be passive learners, often failing to evaluate & monitor their own learning. They lack the essential control functions necessary to complete complex academic tasks independently. We request funds to teach our students to self-regulate using the curriculum "The Zones of Regulation".	\$10,000.00
<b>Police Athletic League of Lakeland, Inc.</b>	PAL 30-Day of STEM-ulation & Mentoring Program	PALs 30-Day STEM-ulation & Mentoring Program in collaboration with CareerSource Polk, focuses on equipping at-risk youth from Lakeland's most impoverished crime ridden neighborhoods who are at risk of delinquency, crime & gang recruiting during the Summer months with skills they need to secure employment opportunities for career advancement in their local labor market. Funding would provide daily classroom instruction with staff facilitators and guest speakers, field trips, community service projects, life skills training, and one-on-one mentoring for each participant.	\$10,000.00

	<b>Jaylens Challenge Foundation, Inc.</b>	Rewrite, Renew & Educate ~ Bullying No Way!	Bullied students have trust issues. Having a reliable resource they trust is a HUGE step in saving their lives! Our website is the first line of awareness to assist those reaching out for help; however is in much need of an upgrade. This will also help School Administrators find curriculum to supplement their teaching and parents of bullied children who feel helpless. In this digital age we need to reach more students/parents with helpful resources through our website. Our goal is to reduce/prevent bullying, cyberbullying and other digital abuse in this digital age.	\$5,000.00
<b>Health and Human Services</b>	<b>Central Florida Health Care, Inc.</b>	Improving Nutritional Choices & Health through Community Teaching Kitchen Education	The Teaching Kitchens offer a variety of topics that are free of charge and open to the public. The program begins with an initial educational presentation by an expert, a Q&A session and then a cooking demonstration followed by sampling healthy food options. We have had an overwhelming response to this program with an increase in participants. CFHC is seeking your support again this year so that we can serve even more Polk County residents, especially school-aged children K-8 at risk for obesity and diabetes, a Special Olympic Florida teaching for children with special needs, and adults with diabetes and other health issues that could be improved through nutritional education and training.	\$5,000.00
	<b>Peace River Center</b>	Engaged, Restored, and Empowered through Art Therapy	Art therapy is a therapeutic technique rooted in the idea that creative expression can foster healing, coping skills, and mental well-being. Art, either the process of creating it or viewing others' artworks, is used to help people explore their emotions, develop self-awareness, cope with stress, boost self-esteem, and work on social skills. 94% of PRC clients are at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or below, and 22% are uninsured.	\$5,000.00



<b>Gospel Inc.</b>	Advanced Sewing - Job Training Internship	Gospel Inc./RePurpose Art Studio offers homeless and at-risk women in the Parker Street Neighborhood an opportunity to be trained in a marketable skill, learning the workings of hand and machine sewing. After the women complete our 16 week Sewing Internship, those women, if interested, will be placed in our next program earning a dignified wage. The Advanced Sewing - Job Training Internship focuses on advanced techniques used in high-end projects. This program increases the women's creativity by pushing them to think outside the box, challenges their ability by working with more difficult and intricate processes and increases their self-worth by the recognition of their hidden abilities. T	\$10,000.00
<b>Children's Home Society of Florida</b>	Parents as Partners Support Group	The Children's Home Society of Florida – Greater Lakeland Region (CHS) requested funding to have two Counselors trained to provide Circle of Security® Parenting™ curriculum to parents providing foster care as well as parents in the parent support group (Parents As Partners). This Group prepares parents to be reunified with their children that have been in foster care. Parents attend the monthly groups voluntarily. The purpose of the program is to support parents so that their children that have been in the child welfare system are not re-victimized, and do not return to the system. Foster parents caring for children in foster care will be provided the Circle of Security training in groups of five parents, and four sessions over eight weeks will be offered.	\$11,400.00
<b>FAM Church</b>	Migrant Camp Worker Food Sovereignty Program	This request is for First Assembly of Mulberry (FAM) to start a new program, Migrant Camp Food Sovereignty, is to meet the need of the four migrant worker camps located in Mulberry. These camps are classified as sub-standard living conditions at extortionate rents; however, the residents will pay extortionate rent for deplorable living conditions due to their fears of racial bias they so often experience. Many in the migrant community struggle to feed their families as pay is low and rents are high. This program will provide 33 weeks of family food packs, consisting of culturally appropriate food, rice, beans, chicken, beef and tortillas. Feeding	\$5,000.00

<p><b>Top Buttons, Inc</b></p>	<p>Job Readiness and Capsule Collection Delivery Project</p>	<p>With the challenge of outfitting young women in professional attire from head to toe in thrift alone, along with the extended sizing needs of at least 50% of the girls we serve, we have found a need to buy new professional attire (a capsule collection) to have readily available for all the girls we serve ages 17-25. Another huge challenge is transportation. Our Program currently functions based on the ability of enrolled organizations to transport their girls to us for educational sessions and Boutique sessions. Organizations work diligently to bring their girls to us for all that we offer, but it is difficult for them to bring more than 6 to 8 young women at a time for logistical reasons. With the new professional attire, a mobile boutique and a traveling educator, we can implement this Job Readiness and Capsule Collection Delivery Project to more than 200 young women ages 17-25 by spring of 2020.</p>	<p>\$2,500.00</p>
<p><b>Destiknee Place Inc.</b></p>	<p>Helping pre &amp; post incarcerated women regain their lives for a brighter future</p>	<p>Destiknee Place serves women who are or have been incarcerated and experienced addictions. It's been proven that incarcerated women often have severe mental/physical abuse in their background, causing them to turn to drugs to escape the atrocities. Incarceration is often a time to reflect, see the error of their decision-making and work on their sobriety. We use a team of dedicated volunteers, mentors, instructors to conduct an 8-week, nationally accredited, Tackling The Tough Skills classes both in the jails and in the community to develop better decision making processes, offer supportive services such as family/children reunification, transportation services, GED tutoring, exam prep, and providing other basic needs for successful transition.</p>	<p>\$3,000.00</p>

<b>Heartland for Children, Inc.</b>	Caregiver Support Program for Children in Foster Care	Heartland for Children's Caregiver Support Program is a new program that was created to help support children and caregivers (relatives, non-relatives, and fictive kin) when a child is removed from their home due to abuse and/or neglect. Additional resources, supports, services providers and financial resources are provided to the caregivers as they care for a child. This program is a temporary resource while the child's parents work through challenges they need to in order for their children to safely return home. Caregivers need additional resources such as car seats, and/or playpens/cribs/beds, in order to provide the necessities for children that have experienced trauma and loss and have been placed with them. The purpose of these resources will promote safe sleep and car seat safety for children.	\$18,950.00
<b>Nemours Foundation</b>	Healthy Habits in the First Five Years Phase 2	Phase II of our program focused on three components: 1) sustaining and expanding our wellness policy work with the Cohort 1 child care sites, 2) developing wellness policies and providing technical assistance around healthy eating/physical activity (HEPA) best practices among a new Cohort 2 of child care sites, and 3) implementing a health education and screening intervention among both cohorts. The third added component to promote healthy development in early childhood included the Nemours Our Healthy Development vision/hearing education lesson plan kit with existing vision/hearing screening services provided in partnership with the Department of Health in Polk County.	\$10,000.00

<b>Alzheimer's Association - FL Gulf Coast Chapter</b>	All About the Brain: Community Education and Risk Reduction	The focus of this funding request is increasing educational offerings within Polk County that focus on the risk reduction through lifestyles changes, understanding the benefits of early detection, and the benefits of early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and the related Dementias. Our program places a special emphasis of reaching Polk County residents with the largest impact including family members who act as their health advocates and the Latino community. The All About the Brain program is a coordinated array of interactive educational programs designed to include tips from the latest research and will be delivered in person or on demand, online in both English and Spanish.	\$2,500.00
<b>Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine</b>	Steps to Good Health	Through Steps to Good Health, LVIM will change lives by giving patients the tools they need to make the lifestyle and behavior changes needed to combat the most challenging illnesses. LVIM has set a goal to combat obesity, a chronic, treatable disease affecting almost a third of LVIM's patients. A LVIM/YMCA partnership will include medical healthcare, access to a health and wellness center and advisors, and group fitness classes that support goal achievement and healthy living. LVIM's dietician will consult with each patient monthly and facilitate group sessions at LVIM where patients will discuss challenges, provide encouragement and explore healthy eating habits.	\$10,000.00
<b>Tri-County Human Services</b>	Promises and Accountability- Ending the Revolving Door	TriCounty has established a perpetual fund that will allow individuals to sign a Promissory Note and repay it once they have started employment. TriCounty seeks to stabilize men and women from mental health and substance use issues. Families have been disrupted and children have been removed from their homes due to these issues. Our New Beginning Residential Treatment Programs currently require a \$625 Application and Admission fee that is not covered by any other funds. By establishing a base-line foundation, the funds will be self renewing. This fund will be organized and maintained by TriCounty in a separate account to be used exclusively for this under served population.	\$10,000.00

<b>Keystone Challenge Fund, Inc.</b>	Financial Literacy & Homebuyer Education	The Financial Literacy & Homebuyer Education partners with local organizations in Polk County to host U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved Homebuyer Education, Financial Literacy classes, pre-purchase counseling sessions presented by our non-profit agency. Keystone Challenge Fund has been impacting Polk county since 1991 where we have served over 4,100 families helping them become homeowners, which 47% are minorities and 34% are single head of household. Over 20,500 people have attended our Homebuyer Education Courses and annually 200-300 families receive one-on-one financial education and counseling services	\$1,000.00
<b>Women's Resource Center of Florida, Inc.</b>	Financial Resilience-Repair, Rebuild and Save	The Financial Resilience personal finance class is developed specifically for single women most of whom are working at minimum wage jobs, doing their best to provide for their children. None of the attendees have an active savings account. They go from paycheck to paycheck, have trouble putting food on the table, and many must rely on Polk County's limited bus service to get them to work. In the Financial Resilience program they will learn about the benefit of budgeting, the value of savings for emergencies, how to avoid traps such as pay-day loans and the danger using of high interest credit cards. The course requires all attendees to attend all five weeks, open a bank account and evaluate their income and where the income may be increased. After completing the five-week class all attendees will have an established bank account with an accredited bank.	\$5,000.00

<b>ElderPoint Ministries of Greater Lakeland Inc</b>	Growing Senior Produce Markets	Polk County has a poverty rate of 16%, an elderly population of 20% and encompasses the Lakeland/Winter Haven metropolitan area which is the second most food insecure in the nation. ElderPoint Ministries empowers seniors to improve their quality of life through programs such as mobile produce markets, recently recognized as a leading innovative food insecurity solution in Central Florida. Currently providing 18 markets per week to seniors in mobile home parks, low income apartment buildings, senior centers, and senior healthcare clinics, seniors are able to purchase high quality fresh produce at a low cost which empowers them to improve their quality of life. To reach more seniors, this funding request is for a refrigerated van and a market assistant.	\$5,000.00
<b>Idols Aside Ministries, Inc.</b>	Sons without Fathers	As our country trends towards a fatherless landscape, we at IAM hope to alleviate this growing epidemic through our Sons Without Fathers program. This program is a faith-based camp where we invite at-risk youth to attend sporting and other outdoor events like, fishing, hunting retreats, and nights of worship, multiple times a year at the Idols Aside Ministries	\$10,000.00
<b>Lakeland Housing Authority</b>	YouthBuild-Lakeland 2020	YouthBuild-Lakeland provides young adults, between the ages of 16 to 24 years of age, who are disengaged from their communities, with an opportunity to earn a high school diploma, learn important employability skills, and gain certifications that make them self-sufficient and competitive in the workforce. YouthBuild-Lakeland will use grant funds to remove as many of these obstacles as possible in order to see our program participants become productive and successful citizens. YouthBuild-Lakeland focuses on its participants earning their high school credential and nationally-recognized certifications. Grant funds will enable 20 YouthBuild-Lakeland participants to become Certified Production Technicians, OSHA 10 certified, and/or Florida Certified Nursing Assistant.	\$5,000.00

<b>Step It Up Ministries</b>	Operation Home Front	<p>The current project for Step It Up Ministries is requesting funds to purchase beds, furniture and other essential household items for a new home that will be opening to receive up to eight more women being released from jail, addiction or mental health treatment, this fall. Step It Up Ministries is the only FARR certified transitional living facility in Polk County and has been in existence since 2013. Step It Up Ministries provides a home-like environment of the highest standards for these recovering women so that it is safe, sober and guided by faith. By creating this positive atmosphere, the program can provide a safe, supportive home environment where women can heal, physically, mentally and spiritually, thus rejoining their community as productive, responsible and positive citizens.</p>	\$3,000.00
<b>Meals on Wheels of Polk County</b>	Meals on Wheels of Polk County Angel Meal Program	<p>Meals on Wheels is a program that empowers many homebound to avoid nursing homes or institutions and remain comfortable and secure in their own surroundings. We are requesting funds for our Angel Meal Program. This fiscal year we delivered 16,667 Angel Meals free of charge. 80,477 meals were delivered in total to all recipients (989). All meals are discounted as we work with each recipient to be able to receive meals. Many recipients are on a fixed income and must decide between food and other expenses such as prescriptions.</p>	\$5,000.00

<b>Anchor House Ministries</b>	Transition to Success	Transition to Success is a program that gives young men and women who have left the foster care system, a chance to succeed as adults. When foster care youth turn 18 they are often dropped off at a shelter or any other location that the youth can identify. In Polk County, Anchor House is the only program available to these young adults. Our program provides these young men and women with the tools they need to become independent and contributing adults. During their stay, the young adults live with a house parent or resident assistant. They are coached on applying for and maintaining a job, managing finances, developing interpersonal skills and are assisted with furthering their education. We are requesting funding for one of our resident assistants, who are instrumental in providing support and empowering these young men and women to meet their own goals and become successful adults in our community.	\$10,000.00
<b>Watson Clinic Foundation</b>	Project Flourish - Improving Cancer Patient Health through Arts In Medicine	AIM Program and Project Flourish provide patients with coping tools to refocus their thoughts from cancer induced anxiety to a healing state through the creative arts/music. These tools allow the body to turn on its relaxation response which lowers cortisol levels, releases endorphins and increases the production of the "feel good" neurotransmitter dopamine, and turns back on the immune system so the body can function in a way that promotes healing.	\$2,000.00
<b>Healthy Start Coalition</b>	Beds 4 Babies Project	Accidental infant death from co-sleeping or bed sharing is preventable. Through the Beds 4 Babies Project, Healthy Start will help reduce infant mortality by assisting 200 eligible families in Polk County. These families will be provided safe sleep education, a portable crib, two portable crib sheets, a HALO sleep sack swaddle, and an educational children's board book titled "Sleep Baby, Safe and Snug", by Dr. John Hutton. The children's board book will also be included with postnatal bags that are delivered to hospitals in Polk County.	\$10,000.00



<b>Options for Women Pregnancy Help Clinic</b>	Community STD testing including HIV and syphilis	Our goal was to provide much needed STD testing including HIV and Syphilis to our community which includes many uninsured or under-insured individuals. Due to the cost of other community testing agencies many of our patients would have delayed or not tested due to lack of financial resources.	\$2,000.00
<b>LifeChoice Pregnancy Resource Center</b>	Earn While You Learn Parenting Program	Earn While You Learn (EWYL) is an education-based resource program for expectant parents. The largest EWYL program in Eastern Polk, EWYL offers tangible resources and emotional support through education that can impact future generations. For every appointment attended, clients earn credits that buy baby supplies (diapers, strollers, cribs, car seats, etc.) in the Baby Boutique. Clients may choose classes from over 130 subjects including prenatal to postpartum care, life skills, fatherhood/motherhood, infant safe-sleep, car seat safety, developmental milestones and parenting into the toddler/preschool years.	\$5,000.00
<b>HELP of Fort Meade, Inc.</b>	Community Empowerment	This project will provide short term assistance for rent/mortgage, utility, food, and personal items for low income families experiencing a temporary financial crisis. Funding will provide meats, bread, milk, and other food items not normally donated to our pantry because of limited shelf life. We will also supplement our monthly USDA food program for the elderly, disabled, and very low income residents as well as those who are in need of food assistance.	\$10,000.00
<b>Southeastern Guide Dogs</b>	Guide and Service Dog Client Support for Polk County Residents	We provide guide and service dogs to people with disabilities. The costs of owning a working dog can be prohibitive. While our dogs are provided to our clients free of charge, the ongoing financial support for the dog is the responsibility of our clients. We want to make our dogs available to everyone regardless of their financial circumstances by providing support to our clients for the ongoing care of their dogs. Funding would care of our 11 guide and service dogs who live in Polk County. Our goal is to keep these human/canine teams operating at maximum efficacy. The annual cost per client for the program is \$2,248. The total budget for our 11 clients in Polk County is \$24,728.	\$5,000.00

<b>The Mission of Winter Haven</b>	Computer Lab	<p>From housing applications, job applications, social service applications, bus schedules, etc., everything has to be done online now. If you don't have access to the Internet, you're at a disadvantage. Although many of our homeless have access to the library, they are limited to time. More important, most of our homeless have to go through the downtown area to get to the library or Polk Works. Our solution is to keep the homeless population at The Mission for as long as we can. No more walking back and forth to the library. All the services they need would be right here at The Mission, where a volunteer could sit down and help them. The funds would allow for a total of 6 computers for public use and 2 computers for office to be able to assist those in need. It would also allow for a printer with a fax line and a main server</p>	\$2,500.00
<b>New Life Center for Family Preservation</b>	Homeless to Wholeness	<p>Funding would assist in the continuation of the community programs they are currently providing to homeless and low-income single pregnant women &amp; teens in Polk County. The New Life Center provides free services including long term supportive housing in our residential facility, case management services, referrals to other community organizations, access to maternity &amp; baby items, life skills &amp; parenting skills training, education &amp; job placement assistance, transportation, Doula Services (birth coaching) and more.</p>	\$10,000.00
<b>Volunteers in Service to the Elderly</b>	Helping Seniors Age in Place Using Technology and Volunteer Support	<p>Wearable technology combined with regular in-person and phone contact by VISTE volunteers, significantly increases the ability of local seniors, particularly high-risk seniors, to live independently in their own homes. Coordinated by staff, this important VISTE program benefits seniors by creating a safer environment, higher quality of life, and greater self-sufficiency, allowing them to remain at home as long as possible. Additionally, the 24/7 monitoring and follow-up has the potential to save lives.</p>	\$5,000.00

<b>Guardianship Office of the Tenth Circuit Inc.</b>	Giving Hope to the Voiceless: Caring for Low-Income Elderly & Disabled	Giving Hope to the Voiceless will help a number of low-income elderly & disabled adults in our county who currently are at risk for homelessness, abuse, and neglect. The project strives to help those who do not have a voice, including disabled children after they age into adulthood, elderly who suffer from dementia and other impairments, veterans, and homeless living on our streets.	\$5,000.00
<b>Florida Baptist Children's Homes</b>	Lakeland Campus Summer Program	At FBCH & One More Child, we provide access to summer activities for children living on our Lakeland campus at our Emergency Shelter and Foster Family Homes. The Lakeland campus of FBCH & One More Child is home to approximately 25 boys and girls ranging in age from infant to 18. This program, held in the summer months, offers unique opportunities for residents to grow educationally, emotionally and physically while also bonding as a family unit. FBCH & One More Child is a faith-based organization providing services to children and families in need since 1904.	\$5,000.00
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Polk County, Inc.</b>	Stop the GRUMBLING!	BGC of Polk County is expanding our daily meal program. Expansion means feeding our members at the Winter Haven, Lake Wales & Haines City clubs. Currently, the organization serves 300 meals afterschool in Lakeland & Mulberry through the implementation of the USDA Food program. Expansion to additional sites will be done through the same program & proposes another 400 youth to be fed daily. BGC Polk is requesting support to expand its current food program within the USDA guidelines as well as meeting hunger "voids" that fall outside of existing funding avenues.	\$10,000.00

<b>Faith in Action North Lakeland Inc.</b>	Great Opportunity To Serve our ailing Seniors	Most seniors want to continue living in their own homes rather than go to assisted living facilities. Our clients have NO other choice as we serve an economically distressed area of Lakeland providing 450 senior citizens with vital care services allowing them to age safely in place so they can remain in their own homes. We provide housekeeping services, staple perishable foods weekly (fruits, vegetables, bread, eggs, milk), non-perishable foods (canned, boxed and freezer items), and a prepared hot meal once a month. We provide transportation services for client's medical appointments, shopping and social activities.	\$15,000.00
<b>kidsPACK, Inc.</b>	Just Feed Kids	The "Just Feed Kids" Project will continue to provide 67 food insecure elementary age children with a backpack and a meal pack of non-perishable food each Friday to ensure they have access to food when school is not in session. The meal pack consists of 2 breakfast /2 lunch / 2 dinners. Twice a month volunteers prepare meal packs at 17 facilities (packing sites) scattered throughout Polk County. Key volunteers act as Points Of Contact at each location and facilitate the packing of meals and the delivery to Polk County Public Schools we serve each week.	\$15,000.00
<b>Good Shepherd Hospice</b>	Good Shepherd Hospice Camp Brave Heart	The death of a loved one is difficult for anyone, but especially children. Children process guilt, sadness, and loneliness differently than adults, but no less painfully. Studies show a bereavement camp experience is one of the most effective tools to engage with grieving children. Through interactive play, group interactions, reflective discussions, and support of professional counselors, children feel less alone in their loss and learn effective coping strategies.	\$20,000.00

<b>Youth for Christ of Polk County</b>	Youth for Christ Summer Camps with "At-Risk Youth" in Polk County	Youth for Christ Summer Camps is a program for Polk County at-risk youth, who have had a brush with the law, attend a Polk County Alternative School, or are living in neighborhoods that dictate delinquency. By taking these young people out of their everyday environments and placing them in a distraction free, outdoor adventures, young people are given the opportunity to connect with camp staff and discuss a myriad of issues they face in life. These issues often include anger problems, abuse issues, abandonment, drugs, family dysfunction, and related problems that our hurting youth are experiencing. Funding would provide scholarships for youth that would not otherwise have the means to attend a summer camp.	\$10,000.00
<b>1st Veterans' Kids Care, Inc.</b>	Youth Eyecare Services (Y.E.S.) Vision and Literacy Initiative	The Youth Eyecare Services, (Y.E.S.) Vision and Literacy Initiative is a mobile, comprehensive screening program that provides life changing and life enhancing services to children and adults in underserved communities who would not have access to exams or affordable eyewear. Our Initiative starts by providing vision screenings aimed at identifying children with eye impairments and then referring them to a community, network optometrist for a comprehensive exam and, if needed, furnish them with eyewear free of charge. Additionally, students who may need educational interventions and services because of visual impairments are identified and provided with follow up services that will help remediate and enhance academic improvements such as mentoring and tutoring. An enhancement of the Initiative is the follow up services providing corrective measures for the eyesight deficiencies and a wellness program including nutritional and healthy eating along with physical enhancing activities.	\$5,000.00