



# Issues that Matter

## 2016-17 Grantees

During the 2017 fiscal year, the Community +Foundation of Broward awarded **\$9,129,281** in grant funding to programs that address the most critical community needs in Broward County.

Among this more than \$9 million, **\$3, 258,071** was awarded through an RFP process to nonprofit organizations working to address the Foundation’s 10 **Issues that Matter**.

<p><b>School is cool 2.0</b> \$792,214</p>	<p>The School is Cool 2.0 approach combines lessons learned from the past four years of implementation with new ingredients that make for a successful recipe to impact the ABCs (Attendance, Behavior, and Course Performance) in reading and math. With a strong partnership between the Community Foundation of Broward and Broward County Public Schools, middle schools and nonprofits will work together to implement customized, innovative, and high quality projects tailored to meet the individual academic and social-emotional needs of the most struggling middle school students.</p> <p><b>Participating Middle Schools:</b> Attucks, Bair, New Renaissance, Deerfield Beach, Olsen, New River, Plantation, Rickards, Silver Lakes, William Dandy</p> <p><b>Participating nonprofit partners:</b> Museum of Discovery and Science, Urban League of Broward County, After School Programs, OIC South Florida</p>
<p><b>Art of Community</b> \$325,000</p>	<p><b>City of Coconut Creek, \$25,000</b> <i>Butterfly Mile Markers</i> As the Butterfly Capital of the World, Coconut Creek will design and install Butterfly Mile Markers strategically along the City's greenways and trails, which are key assets of the city. The Program is designed to demonstrate the authenticity and uniqueness of the city while engaging a local artist, city residents and visitors to experience public art while utilizing the City's public resources.</p> <p><b>City of Miramar - Cultural Center, \$53,000</b> <i>Together, We Are Miramar</i> Adult residents of Miramar will interact and learn from each other using the storytelling (oral story) art form, by which they will form new friendships and acquaintances with those from different backgrounds. Miramar has a noted cross-cultural population that tends to identify first with their families’ country of origin and next with cultural tradition. This project will shift the balance to make people identify more as a resident of Miramar to bring about unity ad greater pride in the city. Through this project, cross-cultural participants will share their individual stories and gain a sense of what unites</p>

	<p>residents of Miramar. Their stories will culminate in a video and showcase celebrating the residents of Miramar.</p> <p><b>Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, \$22,000</b>  <i>Saturday Sessions in Sistrunk</i>  Artistic and cultural talent will be presented right in the heart of Fort Lauderdale through monthly mini-festivals with an amazing lineup of local and regional artists: poets, actors, musicians, vocalists, and more to galvanize the community through the arts and highlight the wealth of talent in our own backyard. Staged at the Megaphone, a performance space created from a converted shipping container, Saturday Sessions will include talented artists that are part of the community, including the Sistrunk artists in residence, and those outside of the community. They will use this platform to take their crafts to the next level. The artist tapped to curate these events is a noted poet, playwright, and director with an impressive network of artists from across the region.</p> <p><b>Slow Burn Theatre Company, \$25,000</b>  <i>Intergenerational Gay Straight Alliance Acting Workshop</i>  Old and young generations of LGBT residents will narrow the generational gap through engagement in a highly interactive, educational on and off stage experiences that include acting classes, workshops, rehearsals, and a culminating performance in theatrical play that will provide a sense of pride and continuity among the LGBT community and its allies. This program will allow for extensive and healthy opportunities for dialogue between generations within this population. Participants will forge unlikely bonds with each other as they work side by side to produce art.</p> <p><b>Broward Cultural Division, \$100,000</b>  <i>Duende/We (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)</i>  The project will identify and cultivate creative, innovative and extraordinary art forms with individuals year-round and produce entertaining and experiential showcases that highlight the richness of Broward’s talented culturally diverse residents. It will build upon the momentum of the tremendous success of <i>WE</i>-the passion and rhythm of the People that was produced as the culminating event for Broward 100.</p> <p><b>Flagler Village Community Garden, \$25,000</b>  <i>Mocking Bird Trail Phase 2-A Community Mural Project</i>  This project is a highly creative expansion of Phase 1 of the Mocking Bird Trail that created a sense of identity for Flagler Village using sculptures of the “mythical” mocking bird along the community trail. Phase two brings together a new partnership with Lighthouse of Broward to create a unique community mural that is sensory based - not only visually appealing for those with the gift of sight but with tactile and audio cues to create a composition that is plural and furthers the tale of the Giant Mythical Mockingbird.</p>
<b>BFit</b>	<b>Broward County Library Foundation, \$35,000</b>

\$290,000

*Wellness Resources Center*

A pilot program that will focus on two libraries located in Broward County food deserts (North Lauderdale Saraniero Library and the African-American Research Library) that will target 200 families in the surrounding areas to improve their health. The program will provide nutrition and fitness counseling, and workout classes for adults and children that will help create more active lifestyles.

**American Diabetes Association, \$60,000**

*What Can I Eat*

Building on successful pilot projects from around the country, approximately 250 Broward residents with Type 2 Diabetes will participate in a four-week program led by registered dietitians and nutritionists. Individualized healthy eating and activity plans will pave the way for behavioral change while introducing healthy habits.

**Sunrise Community, \$30,000**

*Healthy Lifestyles*

50 adults with disabilities will work with a registered nurse to track their health improvements while participating in a new yoga, movement/cardio and nutrition program. Participants will learn healthy eating habits and become more active and, subsequently, improve their overall health.

**Life Sports Fitness, \$30,000**

*BFit*

35 adults will receive a customized plan to increase their active lifestyles and create better eating habits for them and their families. The program will improve adults' muscular and cardiovascular strength and endurance while also providing wellness education seminars that focus on nutrition, fitness, self-motivation and health.

**Broward Regional Health Planning Council, \$70,000**

*Lauderdale Lakes: A Healthy Community Zone*

Last year with Foundation support, a new Healthy Community Zone was created in the City of Lauderdale Lakes. The first phase of this project was focused on developing the infrastructure and surveying residents and businesses that will shape the implementation phase. For the second year, which is the implementation phase of this project, a City-wide campaign will engage residents with positive messaging and activities about behavioral change and opportunities to be healthier and more active.

**Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, \$65,000**

Getting Healthy - Inside Out Last year with Foundation support, this project helped 300 participants increase active lifestyles, create behavioral change and reduce obesity. This project has proven to be on the right track to improve residents overall health. During the second year, this project will continue its collaboration with community partners to provide a "one-stop shop" to 300 low-income women, men and teens from the City of Lauderdale Lakes.

	<p>Through a plethora of educational classes, cooking demonstrations and fitness activities participants will change their behavior and decrease obesity/overweight, perinatal conditions, premature births, and fetal/infant death.</p>
<p><b>Broward Pride</b> \$90,000</p>	<p><b>Equality Florida, \$25,000</b> <i>LGBTQ Safe &amp; Healthy Schools</i> Broward County public school students will participate in role play to build coping skills for bullying and discrimination. Also, school administrators, faculty and staff will receive best practices training to better prevent LGBTQ students when it comes to bullying, harassment and social isolation.</p> <p><b>Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida, \$20,000</b> <i>Building Bridges - Our Story, Our Song</i> The 18 men choir ensemble will perform in schools through musical story telling of acceptance and inclusion. After the performances, a facilitated conversation with students will address bullying, equality and human rights.</p> <p><b>Orloff CAJE (Central Agency for Jewish Education), \$30,000</b> <i>Opening Community Doors</i> LGBT inclusion trainings and workshops for eight Jewish organizations will strengthen the Jewish community to embrace and support LGBT individuals. Keshet, a national organization for LGBT equality in Jewish life, will facilitate the program that will target clergy and leadership staff, who will then train their organization.</p> <p><b>Miami Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, \$15,000</b> <i>MiFo LGBT Film Festival – Fort Lauderdale</i> A Fort Lauderdale film festival featuring dozens of new high-caliber LGBT films with question and answer sessions, and meet and greets that culminate with an awards ceremony. A bonus is that aspiring film makers at local magnet schools can enter a new short film competition where the winning film will be showcased during the festival.</p>
<p><b>Cancel Cancer</b> \$351,000</p>	<p><b>Cleveland Clinic Florida, \$80,000</b> <i>Brachytherapy for Esophageal Cancer</i> This new research and trial project will expand for patients to enter the testing phase. 10 trial patients will participate and once this process is proven effective, many more patients will receive this treatment. The device used will be modified to provide an accurate application of a high-dose radiation treatment. The improved device will also significantly reduce the "hot spots" (damage) in the esophageal wall.</p> <p><b>Holy Cross Hospital, Bienes Cancer Center, \$90,000</b> <i>Precision Medicine</i> This second year project will expand new cancer therapies and personalized precision treatments based on molecular testing and SNaPSHOT of patient tumors and blood to 200 patients. The testing ensures that all options are</p>

identified for patients, including research options. Under the current grant, our support has provided more than 100 patients with research screenings to connect them with the best clinical trials for their cancers.

**Nova Southeastern University, \$70,000**

*Evaluation of JFD Compound for Treatment of Brain Cancers*

The Rumbaugh Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research of NSU will continue its JFD anti-cancer drug research to confirm the effectiveness of JFD in controlling the growth of tumors in the brain. The research will continue to use laboratory subjects. Our previous support of this project has proven that the laboratory subjects are responding well to the JFD treatments. It is anticipated that JFD will be approved for patient clinical trial by 2020.

**American Cancer Society, \$15,000**

*Road to Recovery*

Medical transportation assistance will be provided to 100 Broward patients undergoing active cancer treatment. Transportation assistance will improve access to care and reduce financial strain on families battling cancer.

**Deliver the Dream, \$15,000**

*Beyond the Cancer*

Therapeutic support and counseling will be provided to 70 individuals of varying ages and diverse backgrounds who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis of a child. The whole family will receive the necessary care to cancel cancer and live happier.

**Gilda's Club, \$35,000**

*Touched by Cancer*

During their first year, the project provided 200 LGBT women were educated on breast and lung cancer on the importance of early detection. This project will provide 100 cancer patients with more comprehensive service that included intake meetings, psychosocial support groups, healthy lifestyle workshops and educational presentations. Peer support, facilitated by licensed mental health professionals, ensures that no one faces cancer alone.

**Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation, \$25,000**

*Emergency Financial Assistance*

20 low-income families who have a child undergoing cancer treatments will be relieved from sudden financial crisis they may face to ensure access to basic human necessities. Families worrying about their child will find relief in the temporary financial support that can help pay for utilities, groceries, transportation, etc.

**Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation, \$20,000**

*Cancer Patient Support*

Emergency/temporary financial assistance will be provided to 40 cancer patients and their families to alleviate some of the financial burden caused by the disease. There will also be educational, therapeutic and recreational

	<p>activities to help patients and families them understand and cope with the realities of a cancer diagnosis and treatment.</p>
<p><b>Dignity in Aging</b> \$388,957</p>	<p><b>Mount Olive Development Corporation, \$70,000</b> <i>Senior Connection</i> A program coordinator will engage 100 seniors over 80 to reduce social isolation and address their mental and physical health. An individualized plan will address service gaps and increase connections to resources.</p> <p><b>Dr. Stanley &amp; Pearl Goodman Jewish Family Services, \$45,000</b> <i>Jet Express</i> 100 seniors, 80 and older will work with a care manager to reduce social isolation, facilitate connections and independence. A care plan will address individual needs like transportation, health issues, food assistance, and more.</p> <p><b>N.E. Focal Point CASA, \$45,000</b> <i>Fostering Awareness</i> Alzheimer’s caregiver support groups will be provided to 24 caregivers to address coping skills, reduce caregiver stress and anxiety. 50 seniors will participate in weekly activities that will help alleviate social isolation and improve their physical and mental health.</p> <p><b>Impact Broward, \$50,000</b> <i>Caregiver Assistance</i> A new caregiver support group will engage and improve the overall family health of 50 caregivers. A Support Services Coordinator will coordinate support group meetings and respite care needs for 50 seniors over 80 years.</p> <p><b>Center for Hearing &amp; Communications, \$80,000</b> <i>H.E.A.R. for Seniors</i> Off to a successful first year, the program met the targeted 100 seniors after only seven months and continued to serve a total of 138 seniors. To accommodate the growing need among seniors 80 years and older, this project will add an additional case manager to alleviate the waiting list. 100 seniors will have an in-home visit, provided with hearing screenings, and have assistive listening devices installed, learn about strategies to improve communications and provided behavioral health counseling, if needed.</p>
<p><b>ECO Broward</b> \$205,000</p>	<p><b>Nova Southeastern University, \$45,000</b> Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography <i>Beach Re-nourishment and Sea Turtle Conservation/Movement</i> This program will research how nesting habits of endangered sea turtles are impacted by the use of new manufactured sand for beach re-nourishment as opposed to the natural, dredged sand used in past re-nourishment projects. Five Sea Turtles will be tracked using satellite tagging that will provide important travel information and to learn if the Sea Turtles will return to the same Broward beach location where the health of their nests can be</p>

	<p>monitored.</p> <p><b>Friends of Birch State Park, \$37,000</b>  <i>Dune Lake Habitat Restoration</i>  This is phase two of a project the Foundation supported previously. 100 community volunteers will be engaged in removing debris and invasive plant species along the costal dune lake system in Birch State Park after initial clean-out by a licensed contractor. The project will provide lasting improvements to this area that is a thriving home to more than 200 species of fish, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates.</p> <p><b>National Wildlife Federation, \$37,000</b>  <i>Broward Habitat Connectivity Project</i>  During the first year, this project successfully expanded and created six habitat buffer zones that created a natural pathway for animals and wildlife to travel in-between different areas. This project will increase its effort during the second year and continue working with its partner NatureScape. Local students will participate in outdoor classrooms using specially created lesson plans. Residents will plant a tree at their home (10,000 trees in total), and certify another 200 properties as wildlife habitats. Along with local partners, this project will also restore habitat and increase tree canopies to improve habitat connectivity for migratory birds and other wildlife.</p> <p><b>Youth Environmental Alliance, \$61,000</b>  <i>Project ROC! (Reclaiming Our Coastline)</i>  Last year, this project engaged more than 500 volunteers in beach clean-ups, invasive plant removal and planting native plants in collaboration with HandsOn Broward, South Florida Audubon Society and Young at Art. The next step in this project is to continue to address the issue of critically eroded shorelines and reverse coastal habitat loss by providing coastal dune restorations along the Broward coastline. HandsOn Broward and South Florida Audubon Society will continue to collaborate along with municipalities such as Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale by the Sea, Pompano Beach, Hollywood, Hallandale Beach and Deerfield Beach have committed in-kind resources to support this project.</p> <p><b>Broward County Board of Commission - Environmental Planning &amp; Community Resilience, \$25,000</b>  <i>The Junior Sustainability Stewards of Broward</i>  Thirty students from Dillard High School will be introduced to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to learn how to become "climate sustainability stewards" to advocate on behalf of their neighborhood's environmental issues. The youth will investigate the environmental challenges their community is facing and develop their own scientific solutions and research to exhibit.</p>
<p><b>Economic Independence</b>  \$342,900</p>	<p><b>Children's Home Society of Florida, \$45,000</b>  <i>Bridges of Broward</i></p>

Provide a case manager to interact with 25-50 families in crisis to administer assessments, in-home education, mentoring and direct financial assistance that will help improve the family's living environment and increase self-sufficiency. This project will focus on moving families to complete their GED, enroll in college or technical programs, set financial goals, and obtain employment and stable housing as established by their goal setting plan with the case worker.

**Legal Aid Service of Broward County, \$50,000**

*The Legal Empowerment and Assistance Project for Women (LEAP)*

This program will remove legal barriers for 20 Broward women in a crisis situation, assisting them with their legal situation and creating a path for future prosperity. Participants will receive help enrolling in educational classes, obtaining degrees and seeking employment that will positively improve their financial future. The Foundation seeded LEAP last year and the project has proven successful. In helping this population.

**HOPE South Florida, \$47,900**

*LIVE Hope*

A new job developer will help 55 families with job readiness and employment connections.

Case management will ensure individuals achieve success and be on track to become self-sufficient.

**ARC Broward, \$35,000**

*Center for Financial Stability*

50 adults with disabilities will improve their economic situation through financial education, job readiness training, connection to employment opportunities and/or complete post-secondary education that will move them toward economic independence.

**Jack & Jill Children's Center, \$40,000**

*Family Strengthening*

An additional case manager will engage 30 heads of household in technical/vocational, career advancement training, financial literacy and employment services to pave the way for self-sufficiency.

**Hispanic Unity, \$50,000**

*The Bridge*

Last year with Foundation support, this program provided a pathway to self-sufficiency for low-income adults seeking to increase their net income. This project will continue to enhance the Center for Working Families through additional workforce education focused on certification training in Customer Service and Sales, job placement and financial wellness services to 50 participants who are either unemployed or underemployed. In collaboration with community partners, participants will obtain the hard skills necessary to acquire or improve employment in the Customer Service, Retail Sales and/or the Banking Industries. The goal of the project is for participants to obtain a

	<p>degree or credential that leads to gainful employment what will increase their net income and pave the way for economic independence.</p> <p><b>House of Hope, \$75,000</b>  <i>Vocational Training</i>  Last year with Foundation support, this pilot project was launched and has proven to be effective provide a pathway to self-sufficiency for adults are substance abusers and ex-offenders. In the second year, this program will add an additional job coach to focus on the female clients who are working on their substance abuse issues after being incarcerated. 100 male and female participants will work with the job coaches to receive job skills training, develop a resume, enroll in vocational training and find employment.</p>
<p><b>Animal Welfare</b>  \$100,000</p>	<p><b>Cat's Exclusive, \$8,000</b>  <i>Low-Income Subsidy Clinic</i>  Financial assistance to 65 low-income residents will be provided to pay for emergency or special needs services. This will allow their companion cat to stay in a safe and in a healthy home environment, preventing surrendering of their cat.</p> <p><b>LUMEN LS, \$6,000</b>  <i>Kitten Lifesaving</i>  Through a partnership with Broward County Animal Care, 160 kittens will be kept safe, nurtured and prepared for adoption. Once a good match has been found, the kitten will move into their new home.</p> <p><b>Paws South Florida, \$4,000</b>  <i>Seniors4Seniors</i>  A new home will be provided to 10-15 aging cats through adoption by seniors. The adoption process will be monitored to ensure a good match for both the companion cat and the senior.</p> <p><b>Pet Project for Pets, \$7,000</b>  <i>Keeping Pets at Home</i>  24 pets living with seniors who are facing a health or other crisis will receive assistance to keep their pet in their safe home environment that includes providing pet food, litter, vaccines and reduced veterinary care cost.</p> <p><b>Sawgrass Nature Center, \$20,000</b>  <i>Animal Care &amp; Education</i>  250 sick, injured and/or orphaned animals will be housed in a safe environment where they will receive medical care and treatment in order to recover and rehabilitate.</p> <p><b>Broward County Animal Care and Adoption, \$20,000</b>  <i>Purr-fect Foster</i>  Off to a successful first year, the program met the goal of providing 145 basic</p>

	<p>needs kits to foster volunteers at the mid-point of the grant and continued to provide a total of 299 kits. During the second year, this project will continue to distribute 200 basic needs kits to foster home volunteers caring for newborn kittens. The kits include food, litter, formula, bottles, bowls, and litter pans designed to last 4-6 weeks. The foster volunteers care for the kittens in their homes while awaiting adoption. The project will place 300 spayed or neutered kittens in healthy, safe and new forever homes.</p> <p><b>Humane Society of Broward County, \$35,000</b>  <i>Surrender Prevention</i>  Last year with the Foundation support, this project helped more than 100 pets with medical services, surgeries and food for pet owners who were unable to pay and considered surrendering or euthanize their pet. During the second year, this project will continue to meet the need of providing emergency assistance for surgical procedures, medicine, pet behavior counseling, food, and/or temporary pet boarding for 100 pet owners who can't afford to keep their pet. This project will field more than 3,000 phone calls and work with pet owners in need to prevent surrender so that the pets can stay in their home and out of the shelter.</p>
<p><b>Youth WORK</b>  \$373,000</p>	<p><b>Pace Center, \$60,000</b>  <i>We Can Do It</i>  This program will provide 50 at-risk girls ages 14-21 years old with employability training by employing a new College and Career Readiness Coach. The girls will receive an enriching experience that combines gaining knowledge on how to prepare for the workforce through soft skills training and will apply the training through an actual opportunity to practice what they learned.</p> <p><b>Junior Achievement, \$50,000</b>  <i>JA Career Bound</i>  This program will empower 20 low-income youth ages 14-21 through real world experiences and learning. The youth will learn how plan for future career success and experience hands-on training through internships with a stipend. Top-level community executives will interact with the youth and teach the importance of soft skills. This project will follow the J A Career Success and JA Be Entrepreneurial curriculums which includes lessons on how to for a job, interview skills, public speaking and how to become and entrepreneur.</p> <p><b>The FLITE Center, \$75,000</b>  <i>Let's Get Ready to Work</i>  Off to a successful first year, the program exceeded its enrollment after only six months and served a total of 123 youth. In the second year of this project, the Employment Trainer will continue to provide 60 current and former foster youth aged 14 - 21 years old with connections to work-based learning opportunities and provide employability skills training. The training curriculum is evidenced-based specifically for youth who have been in the</p>

welfare system to ensure their ability to successfully enter and navigate the workforce.

**The Fruitful Field, \$38,000**

*Grow City Youth Farm and Table Internship*

The impact of this project during its first year filled a void in the Tedder neighborhood where youth have limited opportunities and come from low-income families. During the second year of this project the number of youth served will increase to 14. The core of the program will remain the same and each youth will be provided with paid work opportunities at the organic urban farm while developing their life and soft skills. Through additional work-based learning experiences and an enhanced public speaking curriculum, the youth will increase their sense of responsibility, work skills and soft skills, and build a strong foundation for a future career in any field.

**Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship, \$60,000**

*Startup Tech*

Finishing up its first year, this new tech-entrepreneurship project was launched effectively and 72 high school students from Deerfield and Flannigan high schools will enter their internship this summer. The second year will be implemented similar to the first year. 80 low-income students will be enrolled in the tech-entrepreneurship courses that include sessions for soft and life skills while developing and coding apps. In partnership with Broward County Public Schools and the National Academy Foundation, students will embark on a 120 hour long hands-on internship experience during the summer of 2018. Youth will leave high school with career-ready knowledge of how to think as an entrepreneur, gained hands-on technical skills and professional and interpersonal skills.

**Taylor's Closet, \$20,000**

*Flourish*

During the first year of this project, it achieved the goal of providing 25 at-risk girls with hands-on work-based learning opportunities that also improved their life and soft skills. During the second year, the number of girls will remain at 25. The girls will receive paid and unpaid internships and leadership training. This program will extend its offering of life and soft skills to a total of 100 at-risk girls at Fort Lauderdale High School who will also learn how to job search, prepare for an interview, create a resume, teamwork, punctuality, communication and more.

**4KIDS South Florida, \$20,000**

*SOSI (Spirit of Success Institute) Internship Project*

This new internship project will provide six young adults who have aged out of foster care and are living independently with 20 hours per week in work-based learning experiences through four local business partners. The participants will improve their professional and interpersonal skills with on-the-job training in a specific field. The business partners will assign a staff member to train and provide daily oversight. A mid-term and final evaluation

	will be completed by the employer to gauge changes in development by the participants.
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