

2016 Great Ideas Initiative Grantees				
Organization	Grant Category	Geographic Area to be Served	Amount Recommended	Great Idea
Achievement Centers for Children and Families	Community Outreach/Engagement	Village Academy Children - Delray Beach	\$23,465.88	Educating young people about potential career paths that tap into their passion and not limit them to only sports. A local filmmaker suggested a film school. The potential impact on the children's lives could be much greater with getting better equipment in the hands of more children. The funding would enable the purchase of the appropriate and necessary equipment. The filmmaker will teach teens how to operate the equipment, write and edit their stories, and think critically.
Artists Showcase of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	Community Outreach/Engagement	West Palm Beach	\$13,920.00	Support the new art education program, "African Tribal Art Influence of Pablo Picasso". This pilot program targets at-risk youth and families of the disadvantaged ages 13-18. They will learn about the influence of African tribal art and have hands on art instruction and create their own artworks.
Best Foot Forward Foundation	Community Outreach/Engagement	Palm Beach County	\$14,261.50	Reading 4 Life is a comprehensive reading initiative that provides 65 foster care youth with increased skills in literacy and reading comprehension, opportunities to academically succeed in all school subjects, and skills to develop a love for reading. The program will focus on a 5-week summer book club where students read books and participate in group discussions.
Caridad Center	Essential Services	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	The goal is to maintain or improve access to essential services for low-income Haitian-Creole speaking families.
Christians Reaching Out To Society (CROS Ministries)	Capacity Building	Palm Beach County	\$10,000.00	Agency currently provides food and basic needs assistance to people living in food insecure and low-income communities (7 community food pantries). Seeking funds to hire a consultant to facilitate a strategic planning session(s) and prepare a three to five year plan to move the agency forward.
College PATH, Inc.	Capacity Building	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Partner with school counselors in identifying students who self-identified as a minority group and minimum 2.5 GPA to supply a College Advising/Mentor to assist in development of best fit schools, create college essay, build roadmap with deadlines and priorities.
Compass Community Center	Community Outreach/Engagement	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Fund the professional facilitation of a weekly support group for Transgender youth.
Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Capital Improvements	The Glades	\$15,000.00	In an effort to better serve the community and provide developmentally appropriate training activities for parents and child care providers, there is a need to enhance the office environment (Belle Glade location) with basic renovations: painting, flooring, lighting.
Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage, Inc.	Community Outreach/Engagement	Delray Beach	\$25,000.00	YCEP Dance Project addresses the void of dance programs available to black youth in Delray Beach. Dance classes will assist youth in mastering dance skills as well as the importance of hygiene and nutrition.
Friends of Foster Children of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Friends)	Essential Services	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Assistance with maintaining the Clothing Closet. Two foster youth will work with PBC Leadership to: and create and implement an inventory system; beautify the existing Clothing Closet space; and create a business strategy that is revenue producing while keeping costs minimal and affordable.
Glades Initiative	Essential Services	The Glades	\$25,000.00	Acquire a refrigerated storage unit for perishable foods distributed to partner agencies in the Glades area.
Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization	Community Outreach/Engagement	Palm Beach County	\$9,100.00	Strengthen transition plans for students with Down-Syndrome that are post-school going into adulthood.
Housing Partnership, Inc.	Capacity Building	Stonybrook Apartments-Riviera Beach	\$25,000.00	Partner with residents of Stonybrook apartment (section 8) to increase their leadership capacity to form a resident association that will address housing conditions for residents, convene dialogue to action groups that are tenant driven, increase access to quality child care.
Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.	Supplies/Equipment	Palm Beach County	\$24,000.00	More broad scale outreach to parents and caregivers of children with disabilities to inform them of their rights to special education services and resources through presenting "Know Your Rights" parent workshops at homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, low-income clinics, etc.
My Own Home Project, Inc.	Supplies/Equipment	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Provide youth aging out of foster care with all new and needed essential household items for their transition to self care and self reliance.
Palm Beach County Police Athletic League Inc.	Community Outreach/Engagement	Westgate community-West Palm Beach	\$25,000.00	Programming for 12-16 year olds for weekly robotics practice and compete in FIRST Tech Challenge (state-wide) competition. Develop problem solving, improvisation, public presentation and teamwork.
Palm Beach Food Bank	Essential Services	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Purchase more food to help manage gaps when out of the growing season since they provide nutritious food and healthy produce year round. Funds will be matched with an additional \$25,000.
Pediatric Oncology Support Team, Inc.	Essential Services	Palm Beach County	\$20,000.00	Develop peer support groups, workshops to make school a safe space for all children dealing with illness challenges.
Prime Time Palm Beach County	Community Outreach/Engagement	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Partner with three Out-of-School (OST) programs that are part of Prime Time's existing network and local law enforcement officers to strengthen our community by fostering personal relationships between families of color residing in disadvantaged areas and law enforcement officers. The vision is to have families and law enforcement officers interact over multiple encounters, so that the interactions would move from dialogue to action and from distance to familiarity.

Resource Depot	Community Outreach/Engagement	Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Jupiter, Tequesta	\$10,000.00	Extend capacity by utilizing a recently donated vehicle to mimic the "bookmobile" concept which allows organization to travel to teachers/parents in outlying communities.
T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society, Inc. (TLJMS)	Capacity Building	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Funding will support the development of a development plan to better position the organizations to diversify its funding sources to better serve families in the community (education, career exposure and youth development services for under-served populations).
The Lord's Place, Inc.	Capacity Building	West Palm Beach	\$25,000.00	With Center for Child Counseling will provide evidence-based services to build resiliency among homeless children impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and trauma.
Vita Nova	Community Outreach/Engagement	Eastern PBC from Boca Raton to Jupiter; west to Jog Road	\$20,000.00	Using Rescue Ride will pick up homeless youth in need of transportation. VitaNova staff person that picks them up will conduct an assessment of homelessness and find temporary housing for them or reconnect them with their family.
Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County	Community Outreach/Engagement	Palm Beach County	\$25,000.00	Expand the free Girls Leadership Institute (GLI) and STEM Academy from 150 to 300 middle and high school girls with a hands-on STEM workshop and a mentoring lunch.
TOTAL			\$509,747.38	