

## Florida Title IV Community Service Grants, 2003-2004 Projects

35 Projects

Approx. 8,000 Student Participants

22 Counties

Total Awarded = \$2,163,056

Average Award = \$61,801

*Note: Awards to community-based organizations are italicized*

County	Organization	Project Title	Contact	Phone	City	Award Amount	Project Description
Alachua	School Board of Alachua County/Horizon Center	Wheel of Service & Success	Donna Omer	352-955-7605	Gainesville	\$80,588	100 high school students in this alternative school participate in a vocational service program. Activities include auto repair for low-income families, food preparation/delivery and home repair for the elderly, and neighborhood beautification.
Alachua	<i>Hippodrome State Theatre</i>	<i>Hippodrome Improvisational Teen Theater</i>	<i>Jennifer Wiech</i>	<i>352-373-5968</i>	<i>Gainesville</i>	<i>\$126,237</i>	<i>45-60 middle/ high school students from 3 alternative centers provide peer education. The students create, produce, and perform original dramatic works to educate their peers on such issues as drugs, unsafe sex, self-improvement, and resisting peer pressure. Students will also develop a prevention video and public service announcements.</i>
Alachua	<i>Diversified Human Services, Inc.</i>	<i>Special in-School Suspension Intervention Program</i>	<i>Sheri Wallace</i>	<i>352-335-1880</i>	<i>Gainesville</i>	<i>\$10,500</i>	<i>Received a planning grant to plan for future service-learning activities. Main project focus: suspended/expelled high school student participants teach conflict resolution, anger management, and decision-making skills to middle school students on in-school suspension.</i>
Bay	Bay District Schools/New Horizon Learning Center	Service Learning Academy	Nancy Boyd	850-872-4317	Panama City	\$66,404	Students in grades 6-12 repair, refurbish, and distribute bicycles to needy kids. They create bike safety training videos and presentations for younger students and community members.
Bay	<i>Panama City Marine Institute</i>		<i>Ron Boyce</i>	<i>850-872-4715</i>	<i>Panama City</i>	<i>\$12,230</i>	<i>100-200 students in this alternative program participate in various environmental protection projects. Students collect samples, record and graph data, make reports, etc., in St. Andrew's Bay and a transect of sea grass. Students also monitor a section of beach for sea turtle nests, construct protective cages for turtle eggs, monitor nest temperatures, and report their findings.</i>
Brevard	<i>PREVENT! of Brevard, Inc.</i>	<i>PREVENT!</i>	<i>Kay Heimmer</i>	<i>321-259-7262</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>\$36,857</i>	<i>60 students from 3 alternative centers participate in drug prevention advocacy by painting murals, composing and producing a red ribbon newsletter, creating public service announcements, and designing the graphic logo for t-shirts and posters for elementary schools and community spaces.</i>
Broward	School Board of Broward County	Public Achievement Program	Frank Vodolo	954-768-8156	Ft. Lauderdale	\$27,776	320 students in 3 district behavioral alternative centers identify and assess community needs. They then design and provide volunteer services they design to meet those needs, integrating classroom instruction. Project areas: coral reef restoration, community restoration or service to seniors. Students will use technology and presentations to inform/teach others about their work.
Charlotte	Charlotte County Public Schools	Suspension Expulsion Alternative (SEA)	Chantal Phillips	941-255-0808 x3060	Port Charlotte	\$32,272	100 middle and high school students in this alternative education program serve as elementary school reading tutors or assist handicapped students with physical and social interactions in the classroom. Students may also volunteer at the local homeless coalition, providing assistance with clerical and organization work or the distribution of food and clothing.

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DeSoto	School District of DeSoto County	Lions Quest/True North	Robert Hrstka	863-993-1333	Arcadia	\$63,976	Students work with various local partners to become involved through service in their communities. They participate in beautification projects at parks and schools, assist hospital patients and personnel, prepare fire trucks, and create brochures about the services of the city/county departments. They also plant and tend a garden, donating the food to needy residents.
Duval	Duval County Schools/Grand Park Alternative School	Designing, Recreating, & Articulating Misconceptions through Arts (DRAMA)	Phyllis Renniger	904-390-2617	Jacksonville	\$84,985	Students in grades 6-12 at this alternative center plan, design, and present dramatic performances for high-risk students. Topics range from substance abuse, the law, and high-risk patterns of behavior to conflict resolution, peer mediation, and character education.
Flagler	School District of Flagler County/Oasis School		L.R. Hunsinger	386-437-7290	Bunnell	\$77,718	100-150 students from grades 6-12 in this alternative school participate in various environmental projects in their community. Projects include the research and development of a native plant nursery and butterfly garden, storm water monitoring and the creation of informative kiosks.
Gadsden	School District of Gadsden County	Diamond in The Rough	Maruine Daughan	850-627-9651	Quincy	\$44,852	Middle school students conduct health-related research and then coordinate and implement 12 or more community health fairs that address relevant community health concerns. Students disseminate information through their own materials, activities, and presentations. The students also recruit people for health screenings.
Highlands	School Board of Highlands County	ACADEMY Program	Rodney Hollinger	863-471-5748	Sebring	\$30,529	Suspended/expelled students in grades 6-12 at this alternative school identify school and community needs, then organize and implement service projects to address them.
Highlands	<i>Hiway Park Black Businessmen's Association</i>	<i>Star Program</i>	<i>Theresa William</i>	<i>863-465-8131</i>	<i>Lake Placid</i>	<i>\$63,735</i>	<i>75-150 middle and high school students work with Habitat for Humanity or neighborhood beautification, participate in mentor/reading program for younger children, create performances to teach about high-risk behaviors, or organize after-school sports or mentoring programs for youth.</i>
Hillsborough	<i>Miracles Outreach Community Development Center</i>	<i>Alternative Community Education Service Program</i>	<i>Michelle Walker</i>	<i>813-622-6507</i>	<i>Tampa</i>	<i>\$60,374</i>	<i>125 middle school students in this alternative program obtain, re-furbish, and upgrade old computers and give them to non-profit organizations.</i>
Hillsborough	School District of Hillsborough County	Success Through Service	Barbara Anderson	813-272-4880	Tampa	\$79,614	Students in grades 6-12 in this short-term intervention program participate in intergenerational activities, community resource awareness, and peer drug/alcohol/truancy prevention. Students write and illustrate biographies of seniors; collect data on teen alcohol, drug, and truancy for the district; organize a collection drive in response to a community need; and more.
Jackson	Hope School	ACE (Alternative Choices in Education)	Sharon Macaluso	850-482-9616	Marianna	\$27,878	90 students in this alternative program conduct environmental restoration projects at Florida Caverns State Park. Activities include trail and horse corral restoration, exotic plant removal, and assistance/presentations at the Rural Florida Life Event.

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Lake	Lake County Schools	Students Offering Services (SOS)	Lynn Jones	352-253-6677	Tavares	\$73,843	Middle and high school students in alternative education programs create original books and construct toys for needy youth, launch a media literacy campaign for elementary students, construct wheelchair ramps for families, build and tend a garden to benefit the elderly, and conduct research at a marsh.
Leon	Second Chance School	STRAWS	Tom Dunn	850-488-2088	Tallahassee	\$53,677	135 K-12 students at this district alternative school will produce and present original literary works related to their life experiences and decision-making. These works will be shared with students throughout the district, and the students will also produce a video of their performances.
Leon	The Vision of Manhood, Inc.	<i>Bond Community: Learning Through Service (LTS)</i>	Joe Thomas	850-847-0066	Tallahassee	\$10,500	<i>Received a planning grant to plan for future service-learning activities. Project focus: suspended elementary and middle school students will be assigned to the Walker Ford Teen Council and the LTS project to complete assigned service they help design.</i>
Madison	Madison County School Board/Excel Alternative School		Dorothy Brown	850-973-5022	Madison	\$59,675	48 students at this Second Chance school, applying interviewing and technology skills, will produce a Resource Directory of church and community services for Madison while gaining exposure to various careers. They also participate in an historic preservation project (designing and installing a decorative fence around the cemetery) at the Barksdale Foundation, a non-profit 240-acre farm for youth with physical, academic and emotional disabilities.
Miami-Dade	TROY Community Academy & Lindsey Hopkins		Alberto Carvalho	305-995-2532	Miami	\$98,572	100 middle and high school students in this alternative outreach school conduct a needs assessment and develop plans to participate in the historic preservation of a slaves' quarters in the Overtown district of Miami. Students research and design an educational exhibit, activity and informative visitor booklets, and schedule public performances and panels to teach about this historic site.
Miami-Dade	Arise Foundation, Inc.	Arise Life-Management Skills	Susan Benson	305-592-7473	Miami	\$66,087	<i>100 students in 2 alternative high schools teach life-skills lessons to elementary school students. Areas include conflict resolution, anger management, communication skills, and drug and alcohol avoidance.</i>
Miami-Dade	Regis House, Inc.	Service, Leadership and Resiliency Program	Jackie Knowles	305-642-7600	Miami	\$44,714	<i>60 students at this alternative middle school develop scripts, puppets, and sets, then perform puppet shows for elementary schools about alcoholism and addiction.</i>
Miami-Dade	School Board of Miami-Dade County/Allapattah Middle School	Learning Through Service	Alberto Carvalho	305-995-2532	Miami	\$99,717	Up to 300 students in this alternative middle school program conduct research and give presentations on topics such as self-esteem, substance abuse prevention, causes of violence, volunteerism, community advocacy, etc., at community organizations and elementary schools.
Miami-Dade	The Village South, Inc.	Improv Program	Paul Goldberg	305-571-2611	Miami	\$61,461	<i>105-140 high school students at an alternative school develop and perform skits to deliver messages about preventing substance abuse, sexual diseases and violence to other at-risk students.</i>
Orange	Orange County Public Schools	C.H.O.I.C.E.S.	Bonnie King	407-317-3303	Orlando	\$68,525	1,000-1,500 K-12 students in this pull-out program mentor low-performing students at their home school in organizational and study skills.

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Orange	Orange County Public Schools	LIASON	Bonnie King	407-317-3303	Orlando	\$72,230	800-1,200 students at this alternative education facility write books for younger children, make blankets for the needy, publish a guide of community resources, and write and publish a newspaper insert on prevention issues.
Orange	Community Education Partners, Inc. (CEP)		Janice Germann	321-281-2427	Orlando	\$73,319	1,800 students in grades 6-12 at this alternative education site research, prepare and deliver presentations on teen issues to their peers. Students also create and present products such as brochures, recordings, books, and artwork based on lessons learned at CEP.
Palm Beach	Palm Beach District, Safe Schools	Students Providing Service Initiative	Alison Adler	561-981-9600	West Palm Beach	\$67,858	120 high school students in this alternative-to-suspension program provide various services at an animal shelter, then mentor new students in the program.
Pinellas	Pinellas County School Board	Students & Community Organized in Partnership for Education (SCOPE)	Charles Eubanks	727-588-6299	Largo	\$77,843	200 students apply a research-based problem-solving model to problems/processes that are identified by partner non-profit organizations. They analyze data and make recommendations as they serve as interns at various community organizations such as a homeless family crisis center and the Recreation and Parks Department.
Pinellas	Family Network on Disabilities of Florida	Youth Education Through Service	Jan LaBelle	727-523-1130	Clearwater	\$44,625	Students grades 1-12 in a detention center serve on Youth Councils to plan and implement service projects including peer mentoring (conflict resolution, literacy, violence prevention) and bringing community organizations and leaders to the detention center.
Polk	Polk County Public Schools/ Boot Camp		Dennis Higgins	863-284-4343	Bartow	\$129,781	845 students in this juvenile boot camp participate in developing and implementing horticulture projects for community and school sites using plants they have cultivated. Projects include creating a tree farm to donate and install trees to Polk County Schools, growing and propagating orchids then providing instruction on the care to peers, growing vegetables and citrus and providing lessons for local groups, etc. Students will also instruct, demonstrate, and give technical assistance with the growing of fish and the use of fish waste as fertilizer. The students help run a fish farm at the facility, donating the adult fish (for food) to local non-profit organizations.
Sarasota	School Board of Sarasota County	Practical Learning Unites Service (PLUS)	Sherri Reynolds	941-927-9000	Sarasota	\$87,827	235 students from three Second Chance Schools (grades 6-12) participate in intergenerational activities with seniors in their community. Activities include field trips, career days, and writing biographies based on seniors' lives.
Taylor	Boys/Girls Clubs of Perry/Taylor County	STEP UP Program	Kevin Kidd	850-584-8448	Perry	\$56,777	Suspended/expelled middle and high school students participate in job shadowing and internships in the public sector; volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club; identify, develop and implement community clean-up project; and participate in youth drug awareness campaign.