



2018 Grants Report

Arts Education and Outreach

Funding Objective:

To provide high-quality arts education programming to youth during school, afterschool, and summer programs.

Grantee	Program & Estimated Annual Impact	Region
Adrienne Arsht Center Foundation	<p>Support for the Learning Through the Arts Program, which provides free educational performances and workshops to over 50,000 students in the 5th and 7th grades in Miami-Dade County. Performances teach STEM, history, and/or language arts concepts aligned with Florida state standards, and have been shown to increase students’ interest in STEM-related disciplines and career paths.</p> <p>Supports AileyCamp Miami 2019, a full-scholarship summer camp that uses dance to teach self-esteem, self-discipline, creative expression, and critical thinking skills to over 100 at-risk middle school students from Miami-Dade County.</p>	Miami-Dade County
Raymond F. Kravis Center for The Performing Arts	Supports the S*T*A*R (Students & Teachers Arts Resources) Series, which gives 50,000 students access to a diverse array of top-quality educational children’s performances at the Kravis Center, including curriculum guides that incorporate Florida State Standards.	Palm Beach County

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South Florida Symphony Orchestra	Funds the Symphony in the Schools program, which offers 6,000 students in 12 Broward schools a free educational workshop and culminating orchestral concert, “Preserving Our Coral Reefs.” The interactive workshop and concert incorporate concepts from the fields of music, STEM, environmental studies, and history, and encourage students to be stewards of the environment.	Broward County
Broward Performing Arts Foundation	Provides support for an array of arts education programming offered by the Center, serving a total of 170,000 Broward County students and teachers per year. Program highlights include free educational performances and workshops at the Center for 90,000+ students through the Student Enrichment in the Arts (SEAS) Program; a Reading Readiness theater program serving 3,500+ pre-K students and their parents; and professional training workshops for 1,700+ teachers.	Broward County
Art and Culture Center/Hollywood	<p>Supports the expansion of the Distance Learning Arts Studio program, which uses teleconference technology to deliver standards-based visual and performing arts classes to 1,000+ pre-K – 12 students each year. Grant funds will allow the Center to develop and deliver new lessons teaching reading, literacy, and vocabulary to low-income students in grades pre-K -5.</p> <p>Provides support for Arts Aspire, a career readiness program that promotes leadership and marketable workforce skills to high school students and graduates via paid work and apprenticeship opportunities. This is the only arts-based workforce development program in Broward County.</p> <p>Provides summer arts camp tuition assistance to qualifying low-income children for the summer of 2019.</p>	Broward

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The Palm Beach Symphony Society	<p>Supports the Children’s Concert Series, featuring four free performances of Peter and the Wolf, reaching up to 5,000 children.</p> <p>Funds instrument donations to underserved students and to Title I school band programs. The Symphony has donated 40 instruments thus far this year, including 5 professional-level instruments to graduating seniors auditioning for post-secondary music programs.</p> <p>Funds a Music Residency Program at two Title I Schools in Palm Beach County. This year-long program allows professional musicians to provide individualized music instruction through small-group coaching sessions with band students on a monthly basis.</p>	Palm Beach County
Broward County Schools Department of Innovative Programs (via Broward Education Foundation)	<p>Provides support for the Turnaround Arts Program, a research-based, whole-school arts program that has been shown to improve academic performance, behavior, and attendance. Funding will expand the program from three to six Title I elementary schools—impacting 4,254 students and 355+ teachers—and will triple the number of teaching artist visits at each school, from two to six per year, for each grade level.</p> <p>Funding will also allow 24 students to travel to and perform at the Kennedy Center in D.C., and will pay for 9 teachers to attend professional development conferences focused on arts integration in academics.</p>	Broward County
Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation	Funds a variety of educational and professional development opportunities for young artists and early career professionals to expand their artistic talent and pursue their dreams.	Conn.

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Shubert Theatre	<p>Provides support for an array of arts education and outreach programs that impact the lives of approximately 5,000 children each year. This includes the Community Ticketing Program, which distributes free theater tickets to the clientele of nearly 100 social service organizations each year, a regional high school theater competition, and the Summer Theater and Arts Camp.</p>	Conn.
Young at Art	<p>Supports ArtREACH (Reaching & Educating At-risk Children experiencing Homelessness), an afterschool program that combines art, academic support, life coaching, and behavior modification to 75 homeless youth living in Broward County. Grant provides refurbished iPads, art supplies, and life coaching.</p> <p>Supports ArtHouse, a community art center in the impoverished Sistrunk Corridor that offers free arts-based activities and performances to local residents. Grant provides one cultural dance performance attended by 100 area residents and six interactive children’s performances by the South Florida Chamber Ensemble, reaching 200 youth. Grant also funds a local artist to create and install mosaic benches with 134 youth and 80 adults.</p> <p>Provides support for YAA for ALL, a new initiative that will modify museum programs and create accommodations for children and adults with autism and their families. Over 10,000 children and adults are expected to be impacted by this new program in its first year.</p>	Broward County

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Long Wharf Theater	<p>Supports the Student Theatre Series, which provides free educational performances, in-class curricula, and post-show conversations with the cast. Approximately 2,200 middle and high school students are anticipated to participate in this season’s Student Theatre Series, with an additional 2,000 students taking advantage of discounted student ticket prices for alternate performances of these shows.</p> <p>Supports the Studio School program, which provides theater classes to elementary and middle school students. Need-based scholarships are provided. A project 265 students will attend studio school this year.</p>	Conn.
Northwest Connecticut Association of the Arts (Warner Theatre)	Supports the Warner Theatre Center for the Arts Education’s 2019 Summer Arts Program, allowing children to explore the arts, develop their artistic talents, and perform on stage. Students engage in daily activities such as Acting, Improv, Musical Theatre Choreography, Tap Dance, Visual Art, Creative Writing, Technical Theatre, and much more. Campers come from over 58 towns, and need-based scholarships are provided.	Conn.
Orange Historical Society	This general operating grant supports the work of the Orange Historical Society. Founded in 1964, the organization strives to collect and preserve those items of history that pertain to the settlement of Orange as well as the surrounding area.	Conn.

Workforce Development

Funding Objectives:

Prepare youth and adults to lead self-sufficient and productive lives through career readiness and comprehensive vocational skills training programs.

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County	To construct and name a stand-alone teen center after Frederick A. DeLuca on the campus of the Nan Knox Club in 33311, the most impoverished zip code in Broward County. The new teen center is estimated to grow the club’s teen membership fourfold, and will include a culinary arts area, music studio, computer lab, aviation program. An array of workforce development initiatives offer college and career exploration, job skills development, and work-based learning experiences.	Broward County
Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County	Contribution toward capital campaign for construction of a new and expanded teen center in Belle Glade, one of the most dangerous and impoverished areas in Florida. The teen center will offer robust academic, social and cultural enrichment activities. Dedicated workspaces and youth development professionals will provide career readiness programs in a variety of fields, including culinary arts, agriculture, STEM, technology, and visual arts.	Palm Beach County
Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade County	<p>Funds expansion of the Great Futures for Teens Program, which provides academic support, career preparation, and enrichment activities to low-income students. Expansion includes the hiring of a new part-time Career Readiness & Community Engagement Counselor to link teens with internships and vocational training opportunities and to provide support with college applications and entrance exams to 140+ teens.</p> <p>Funding will also provide stipends for an additional 40 teens to work as Counselors-in-Training at Boys and Girls Club summer camps in 2019.</p>	Miami-Dade County

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Broward County Schools Department of Career, Technical, Adult, and Community Education (CTACE)	Provides funding for 2019 summer internship stipends, impacting 140 rising seniors across Broward County. Participating students will be eligible to earn a “NAFTrack” Certification from the National Academy Foundation (NAF), which will boost their employability potential after graduation.	Broward County
Crockett Foundation	Expands the "Coding in Academics" program to Millenium Middle School, where 100 at-risk students will participate in this free afterschool and summer computer coding program. The program features skills-based training, mentoring, financial literacy, leadership development, job-site visits, and full-time case management.	Broward County
Broward College	<p>Funds expansion of the College’s Aviation Institute, which provides training, certifications, and degrees in a variety of high-demand and well-paying aviation careers. Limited capacity has prevented t program from meeting growing student demand. Grant will provide start-up funds for two new faculty members and an additional classroom space. Increased program capacity will accommodate an additional 50 students per year.</p> <p>Funds improvements to the Health Sciences program. Grant will fund the reconfiguration and updating of classroom spaces with new equipment and technology. These renovations will allow more Health Sciences students to complete and graduate from the program, providing increased employment opportunities and an educated workforce in a variety of healthcare fields including nursing, EMT, radiology, and more.</p>	Broward County
FLITE (Fort Lauderdale Independence Training & Education Center)	To launch a comprehensive Career Pathways program that will provide industry exposure, career-readiness training, job coaching, and paid internship opportunities to 40 at-risk youth, aged 17-24. Additionally, 100+ youth will be placed in permanent part- or full-time employment by an employment coordinator. All youth served are currently in or have graduated from the foster care system.	Broward County

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The Fruitful Field	Expand the GrowCity paid garden internship program to an additional 16 ninth-grade students from low-income areas. The program teaches soft skills, career-readiness, agricultural skills in gardening and food prep, public speaking, and leadership. Youth directly benefit the community by growing produce that will be donated to food pantries and soup kitchens.	Broward County
HANDY (Helping Abused Neglected Disadvantaged Youth)	Expand the Resume for Life program to provide age-appropriate career exposure and paid internship opportunities for 50 middle and high school students in the dependency system. Program includes site visits and speakers, resume support, career guidance, interview preparation, and soft skills training.	Broward County
Junior Achievement of South Florida	<p>Expansion of JA Career Bound, an 11-month career readiness program, to 100 students from underserved communities. Monthly sessions offer career-path exposure, job-readiness training, and work-site visits, culminating in a paid summer internship. The program expansion will focus exclusively on youth from Title 1 high schools with a focus on industry and trades, and usual program fees will be waived.</p> <p>Expansion of JA Job Shadow to an additional 450 students from Title I schools. The program combines in-class career-readiness sessions with a workplace visit to give students an up-close look into the working world.</p>	Broward County
Junior Achievement of Greater Miami Inc.	<p>Launch of JA Girl\$ program, which will introduce financial literacy to 100 girls (grades 3-12), empowering them to have equitable relationships and confidence to be economically independent.</p> <p>Re-launch of JA Company Program, in which 340 students will learn key elements of operating a business and launch their own. The program, which will take place in the spring semester of 2019, will culminate with the creation of a personal career action plan for each student.</p>	Miami-Dade County

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Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast	<p>Expansion of JA High School Heroes program, in which teens serve as role models to at-risk youth by becoming their “teacher for the day.” Heroes will teach five age-appropriate JA lessons to students in grades K - 5. Funding will expand the program to include an additional 50 high school students, serving 780 students in 45 elementary schools.</p> <p>Expansion of JA Job Shadow to an additional 89 students from Title I schools. The program combines in-class career-readiness sessions with a workplace visit to give students an up-close look into the working world.</p>	Palm Beach County
OIC of Broward County	<p>Funds the Launch of the Women's Workforce Empowerment Program to provide 50 unemployed and underemployed women free technical training, certifications, and job placement in high-demand technical fields such as manufacturing, IT, and engineering. Funding will also cover childcare expenses for women who may not otherwise afford it, enabling them to attend and complete training programs that will boost their employability and earning potential.</p>	Broward County
SOS Children's Village of Florida	<p>Supports the Next Steps program, which provides case management to 100 former foster youth (aged 18-21) as they transition into independent living. The program aims at a 100% rate of college enrollment or employment, and provides individual life plans, career coaching, college support, and housing coordination to these at-risk youth.</p> <p>Supports the Independent Living Skills Program, which provides life-skills training to 35 SOS Village residents, all foster youth, aged 13-17. Weekly classes include communication skills, education and career planning, job application support, interview training, and money management.</p>	Broward County

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Start-Up Now	<p>Research-based entrepreneurship training program focused on launching innovative businesses in South Florida and culminating with a certification from Broward College. Funding will cover costs for six participants who are either veterans, economically disadvantaged, disabled, or and/or who have overcome significant life challenges.</p>	Broward County
Hispanic Unity	<p>Supports the COMPASS program, a “2-gen” workforce development model that helps lift families out of poverty. The program services youth and their parents in the areas of workforce development, financial education, asset building, nutrition, and family strengthening. Grant will provide job readiness classes, career exposure, and job recruitment opportunities to 100 middle and high school youth attending their afterschool programs.</p>	Broward County
Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program	<p>Establishes an annual STEM Symposium in Broward and Palm Beach counties, a day-long symposium for high-school girls that will expand their knowledge of non-traditional careers and expose them to opportunities they may have thought were out of their reach. Miami-Dade students will benefit from STEM-focused mentorship sessions. 475 girls across the three counties are expected to participate.</p> <p>Provides college and vocational scholarships (\$3,000 each) to five Women of Tomorrow mentees who have demonstrated at least three years of consistent attendance and participation in the mentorship program.</p>	Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade Counties

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The Lord's Place	<p>Supports the Café Joshua Job Training Program, which provides comprehensive job training for the most high-barrier jobseekers, including the formerly homeless, ex-offenders, and adults suffering from mental health issues. Program offers job coaching, hands-on-paid work experience in a commercial kitchen and/or thrift store, job placement, and retention assistance to 300 adults.</p> <p>Funding to provide technical trainings and certificates to 5-10 clients looking to start or further their careers. This will be the first scholarship fund of this kind at The Lord's Place.</p> <p>Supports Youth Services – The Tomorrow Fund, providing a comprehensive array of programming to 47 children and teens living at the Lord's Place Family Campus. Includes academic support, tutoring, leadership opportunities, and age-appropriate enrichment activities.</p> <p>Supports Women's services programs offered to homeless women and residents of the Lord's Place Women's Campus. Includes workforce development programs, financial literacy classes, self-defense, benefits coordination, and health education for up to 700 women per year.</p>	Palm Beach County
International Franchise Association (IFA)	<p>Provides funding for the NexGen Competition at the IFA conference. The competition engages young entrepreneurs who are seeking careers and business opportunities in the franchising industry. Cash awards are made to the finalists at the IFA Convention, with \$10,000 to the first prize winner, and two \$5,000 awards to the other top winners. An additional \$5,000 covers associated with mounting the NextGen. The Foundation has provided support for this competition for multiple years.</p>	National

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Yale Peabody Museum	Expansion of the Evolutions Afterschool Program, a free college- and science-focused program for 125 local teens that encourages interest and understanding of STEM fields. Participants gain hands-on work experience in the Museum and in Yale research laboratories, as well as SAT-preparation classes, college tours, and college planning support. Funding will bring the program back to its full capacity, after recent funding cuts.	Conn.
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport	Second payment of three towards the hiring of a new bilingual social worker who provides wrap-around counseling services to the clients at Mercy Learning Center, a program that provides women with literacy, computer skills, and workforce development in Bridgeport, CT. In her first seven months, the social worker supported 77 students to ensure consistent progress toward their goals. She also runs workshops and support groups.	Conn.
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport	Provides funds for Mercy Learning Center clients to attend and earn a professional certification from a community college. In addition to tuition and books, students receive child care from MLC.	Conn.
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport	This is the first grant towards a three-year, \$240,000 commitment. Funds will allow MLC to hire a full-time Operations Manager and to begin the process of preparing for any future leadership transitions.	Conn.
Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport	This grant is toward the organization's endowment. The endowment supports the Center's long-term ability to deliver its quality education and life skill programming to undereducated, low-income women in the Bridgeport area well into the future.	Conn.

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Boys and Girls Club of Milford	General operating grant to provide structured, supervised activities after school, opportunities for positive social interaction, and an alternative to unsupervised street-based activities. Today, more than 350 boys and girls are taking advantage of the programs, activities and services provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Milford. They benefit from trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers who help young people take control of their lives, envision productive futures, and achieve their goals.	Conn.
Wakeman Boys and Girls Club	General operating grant to support the Smilow-Burroughs Club, located in Bridgeport, CT. The Wakeman Boys & Girls Club provides young people, ages 5 to 18, with safe havens, academic enrichment, health and wellness programs, character and leadership activities and recreational activities through after-school, weekend, and summer programs. The Club serves more than 4,000 members annually in two clubhouse locations.	Conn.
Junior Achievement of Greater Fairfield	General operating support to provide a variety of interactive experiential programs for students in grades K-12. Programs focuses on three main areas: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship and Work-readiness, each of which helps bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world. Over 22,000 students in grater Fairfield County were served during the 2016-17 schoolyear.	Conn.
Bridgeport Public Education Fund	General operating grant to support BPEF’s mission to develop programs and mobilize the community for quality public education in Bridgeport. Programs include Mentoring for Academic Achievement and College Success– which previously paired 242 high school students with college mentors – and the College Assistance Program, which provided 39 students financial, academic and emotional support while matriculating into college or completing a certificate program.	Conn.

Healthy Communities

Funding Objectives:

Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviors through education, awareness, and sustainable solutions.

Grantee	Program & Estimated Annual Impact	Region
American Heart Association	Provides general operating support for the many educational and awareness programs implemented by the AHA in South Florida. Jon DeLuca serves as chair of the Board of Directors of this chapter of the AHA.	Miami-Dade & Broward counties
FLITE (Fort Lauderdale Independence Training & Education Center)	Funds the launch of a “safe landing space” program to provide temporary housing for former foster youth who are imminently homeless. Rental home will house 40 youth annually, aged 18-24, with up to an additional 20 children/dependents. Residents will benefit from case management and coaching to develop long-term housing, life, and work plans over the course of several months, at which point they are expected to transition to permanent housing.	Broward County
Habitat for Humanity of Broward	<p>Lead sponsorship for the building of five new low-income homes in the new Rick Case Habitat Community, a 77-unit development in Pompano Beach. Home owners are low-income workers who are required to give volunteer time, made a modest down payment, and attend educational classes.</p> <p>Establishment of a Gap Financing fund of \$100,000 that will help at least 5 families meet their mortgage payments for Habitat homes. The fund will revert back to Habitat upon sale of the homes, allowing the fund to serve hard-working families in perpetuity.</p>	Broward County

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Dania Patch (People’s Access to Community Horticulture)	Supports the Dania PATCH – a community garden and farmer’s market in a low-income neighborhood. Funding will expand its reach to underserved communities across Broward via a mobile farmer’s market program that will bring local, fresh produce to senior communities, housing developments, and community centers. This funding covers the pilot & expansion of this program.	Broward County
The Education Fund (Miami-Dade Schools)	Funds expansion of an innovative, sustainable edible gardening program, currently in 51 schools (20 food forests & 31 raised bed gardens) across Miami-Dade. Gardens serve as outdoor “eco-labs” for student learning about science, math, art, reading, and nutrition. Harvest is used in cafeteria, and thousands of students take food home to their families Funding will bring food forests to 5 more schools, impacting an additional 2,400+ students, their parents, and 70 teachers	Miami-Dade County
Urban League	Funds the implementation of Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops to low-income individuals with chronic diseases or at risk for developing diabetes, obesity, heart disease or HIV/AIDS. Created by Stanford University, the program aims to build participants’ confidence in managing their health and keeping them active and engaged in their lives. Workshops will be coupled with a hands-on practicum, incorporating physical activity, store tours, and meal preparation. Funds will provide 5 complete 6-session workshops reaching 60 participants.	Broward County
Villages of Hope	Program consists of an affordable and safe residential community providing life-skills development, career planning, goal setting, and support to youth (18-25) who are former foster youth or homeless. Currently housing 28 youth at their northern campus, POH is building a new campus in Boca Raton to house a total of ~100 youth per year (some are families with children).	Palm Beach County

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Special Olympics – Florida	Supports Olympic-style individual and team sports that offer meaningful training and competition opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities living in Florida. The organization serves over 44,000 individuals year-round.	Florida
Connecticut Food Bank	Provides food and resources to a network of community-based food programs, such as soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, residential programs and day programs serving adults and children in six of Connecticut’s eight counties: Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham. In 2016-17, the Food Bank provided food to over 145,000 individuals and households across its six-county service area.	Conn.
Special Olympics — Connecticut	Provides support for Olympic-style individual and team sports that provide meaningful training and competition opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities living in Connecticut. The organization serves over 12,000 individuals year-round.	Conn.
United Way of Milford	Directly services members of the community on all economic levels, by addressing the needs of the poor, the elderly, children and families, and individuals with significant physical or psychological challenges. The United Way enables thousands of people in Milford to maintain their independence, experience healthy lifestyles, and stay socially involved.	Conn.

Scholarships

Funding Objectives:

Provide need-based financial aid to students looking to pursue higher education, increase their career options, and fill job gaps in high-demand industries.

Grantee	Program & Estimated Annual Impact	Region
Community Foundation of Broward	Funding provides 35 scholarships of \$8,000 each (\$2,000 per year for four years) to a graduate of every high school in Broward County. It is administered by the Broward County Community Foundation. 2018 was the first year of this program	Broward County
Fairfield County Community Foundation	This annual payment funds \$8,000 scholarships (four years at \$2,000 each) to graduating seniors at 56 schools in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.	Conn.
National Italian-American Foundation	This is the second payment towards a ten-year, \$250,000 commitment to fund scholarships. This funding is matched by NIAF's fundraising and awards ten \$5,000 scholarships to high school students. The scholarship has a preference for students in Florida.	National
Scholarship America	This grant is for the Subway Fresh Start scholarship program which provides 250 \$2,500 scholarships to Sandwich Artists in the US (200), Canada (25) and Australia (25). Both high school seniors and current college students with 6 months employment with a Subway franchisee are eligible to apply. The fund is administered by Scholarship America, who presented information about the scholarship program to restaurant owners at the national convention.	National
Housatonic Community College Foundation	This grant is to support need-based scholarships for students pursuing vocational programs and certifications at the Community College.	Conn.

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Gateway Community College Foundation	This grant is to support need-based scholarships for students pursuing vocational programs and certifications at the Community College.	Conn.
Norwalk Community College Foundation	This grant is to support need-based scholarships for students pursuing vocational programs and certifications at the Community College.	Conn.

Patient Care

Funding Objectives:

Improve health and enhance quality of life for patients and caregivers by supporting educational and career development opportunities for nurses.

Grantee	Program & Estimated Annual Impact	Region
University of Connecticut Foundation	Final payment towards a two-year, \$400,000 commitment to fund the DeLuca Foundation Visiting Professor for Innovation and New Knowledge at the center for Nursing Scholarship and Innovation at UCONN. The mission of the Center is to support innovation in nursing and healthcare technology and techniques. The first professor was hired and began work in the fall of 2018.	Conn.