

PRIME TIME
Pre-QRS Program Supports Application

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Amount Requesting: \$30,000

Purpose of Fund Request

The purpose of this request is to provide Service Learning training, project supplies and materials, and project monitoring to the staff and students of 18 community based middle school after school projects. Ten of these projects will occur in eastern Palm Beach County, while the remaining eight will occur in the western communities of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay.

Service Learning is a dynamic instructional methodology where students grow and develop through carefully organized service that meets a genuine need in their community; is coordinated with a school or community service organization; is integrated into and helps to further student learning; provides students with opportunities to practice their newly acquired skills in a hands-on real life setting; and provides structured time for students to reflect on the service experience.

This Service Learning training opportunity will help students and staff to understand the importance of improving their community and enriching their personal as well as academic lives. Students and staff will learn how to research and evaluate community perils such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, crime, and teen peer pressure and then be able to find ways to positively impact these problems.

Through Service Learning the youth of our communities will not only be empowered and excited to make real change in their communities, but to see their worth as contributing members of society, thereby strengthening their feelings of civic responsibility and efficacy. This unique innovation will increase not only participation in community based after school programs but a commitment to their own local communities. This sense of empowerment and importance is a powerful tool in developing youth leadership in our agencies and our communities.

This Service Learning training opportunity will be provided by Verna Cornelia Price, Ph.D., of the National Youth Leadership Center (NYLC). Dr. Price has worked in the service-learning field as a practitioner, trainer, researcher and author for over 12 years. Dr. Price began her work in service-learning as a 5th grade teacher where she effectively integrated service-learning into all aspects of her curriculum. Dr. Price has been a service-learning trainer with the National Youth Leadership Council for over 10 years and has worked with K-12 practitioners, administrators, higher education faculty/staff and community organizations from the across the United States and around the world.

Dr. Price provided training in September 2005 to the Palm Beach County community and school district staff that resulted in an increased awareness and desire for further service learning training. Our goal in having Dr. Price return is two-fold. First is a training that will engage the students in the need for community participation and the belief that they can be change agents; and secondly to train community staff to guide students in developing genuine solutions to local community issues.

Role of Service Learning Coordinator

The Service Learning Coordinator at the Department of Safe Schools will provide ongoing technical assistance and monitoring activities to all 18 sites so that each site can easily and accurately develop, and implement quality projects. The Coordinator will also be charged with the responsibility of appropriately documenting each project as well as managing the budget and all project funds.

Number of Youth: 180 (10 per project X 18 sites)

Grades: 6-8

Number of Staff: 18 (1 per project X 18 sites + 1 Service Learning Coordinator)

Proposed Budget

Project Materials and Supplies \$10,000
(18 projects X \$500 + \$1,000 for materials and supplies for Coordinator)

Service Learning Training Consultant \$7,000
(2 day training consultant, hotel, meals, travel, training manuals)

Food and supplies for the two-day Training \$3,000

Service Learning Coordinator \$10,000

TOTAL: \$30,000