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2017-2018 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT APPLICATION

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Organization Legal Name: Grace Education and Business Community Center

Mailing Address: 712 No 7th Street Suite A

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Contact Person: Joann Thompson Title: Director

BEST CONTACT Phone Number: (772) 579-0251 Email Address: graceeducationcenter@gmail.com

Website Address: https://www.facebook.com/graceeducationandbusiness/

LEGAL STATUS OF ORGANIZATION:

(X) Incorporated, Not-for-Profit - Month and Year of incorporation/creation: 5/2015

- INCLUDE COPY OF CURRENT BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT (BTR) FROM CITY OF FORT PIERCE
- INCLUDE COPY OF CURRENT 501(c)(3) DOCUMENTATION FROM INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.
- INCLUDE COPY OF NONPROFIT REGISTRATION FROM SUNBIZ.ORG.

Person Authorized to Sign on Behalf of this Organization. Signature Must Be Notarized.

[Signature] Today's Date: 1/17/18

Print Name: Joann Thompson Title: Director

Telephone Number: (772) 579-0251 Email: mrsjthompson83@gmail.com

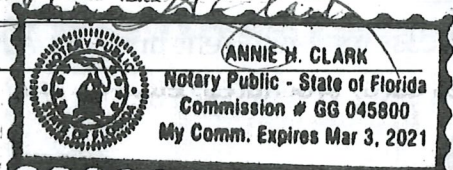
NOTARY STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared Joann Thompson who is personally known to me or produced _____, as identification, and acknowledged he/she executed the forgoing Agreement for the use and purposes mentioned in it and that the instrument is his/her act and deed.

IN WITNESS OF THE FORGOING, I have set my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid in this 17th day of January, 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC [Signature]

My Commission Expires:



2015-16

2014-15

Please Note: Organizations/Applicants that have received funding for three consecutive years may be deferred in order to provide funding for newer activities.

- 4. If you have received funding from the City of Fort Pierce for Public Service projects in the past, please explain **HOW** the program/project described in this grant application is **NEW OR EXPANDED:**

The Grace Development & Community Outreach received funds to purchase startup items (cards, brochures, laptops, etc.) The mission of this business is to provide guidance to aging-out foster care young adults (life-coaching), provide them with safe house, and transportation. Grace Education & Business Community Center is a year-round educational program, designed to bridge the gap between home and school for our low to moderate income families. Our summer program runs for 8 weeks from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Why, parents are working or attending other supporting activities while their young children are left to hours of idle and unmonitored time. Unmonitored environments are beds for unwanted peer-pressure, increase crime rates, and gang involvement. Our program not only give young children and parents a safe nurturing environment with monitored activities & fieldtrips, but we also help stabilize them academically through fun enhance learning as they become better problem solvers and thinkers (STEAM).

- 5. What is your organization’s annual budget? Describe how your organization is currently funded.

Annual Budget \$65,368

2017 funding sources are: Children Service Council, Early Learning Coalition, In Kind, Fundraisers, St Lucie County Food Bank, Career Source, and parents (based on the FL low-income sliding fee scale).

- 6. Does the City of Fort Pierce and/other local organizations in Fort Pierce provide services similar to your agency?

If you answered Yes, how do your services compliment their offerings? If yes, explain.

How are your services different?

There are several organizations in the Fort Pierce area that’s like our program. However, we not only make sure students complete their homework, but we focus on their individual weaknesses to ensure academic growth in school, and on the Florida Standards Assessment “FSA”. We infuse 64 hours of academics into our students’ summer vacation, with a heavy concentration on Mathematics and Reading Comprehension.

- 7. Project Name (please keep it short):

Grace EBCC Summer program

- 8. U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) National Objective Activities: (check one)
 Area benefit activity (the activity benefits/is open to everyone in a particular low income neighborhood or geography)

D. If the project will provide a **“Presumed Benefit”**, please identify the group(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abused Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Senior Citizens | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Farm Workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with HIV/AIDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Income Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Children/Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

11. Describe the existing problems or needs to be addressed by this program/project.

Our program service low to moderate income families mostly north of Okeechobee Road. Parents are working or attending other supporting activities while their young children are left to hours of idle and unmonitored time. Unmonitored environments are beds for unwanted peer-pressure, increase crime rates, and gang involvement. Our program not only give young children and parents a safe nurturing environment with monitored activities, but we also help stabilize them academically (in reading and math) as we provide fun ways to enhance their learning as they become better problem solvers and thinkers.

12. Describe your proposed project's activities and how they will address the problems/needs you listed in #11 above.

To attract participants and encourage high attendance in our program, we have added Zumba dancing for kids (daily for 50 minutes), and project base "STEAM" academic hands-on projects to challenge their creative side. Our blended learning activities will be sure to arouse their young minds as well as enhance their learning skills (7 hours, 30 minutes per week). We also have a plethora of outdoors/indoor games and activities for their enjoyment: kickball, volleyball, sack race, football, basketball, air hockey, sumo bumpers, freebie, sidewalk chart, jump rope, dodgeball, beanbag toss, tug-of-war, board games, PlayStation, to name a few. Campers will participant in large group activities for, 3 ½ hours per week, to encourage teamwork & bonding. They will get the opportunity to go swimming for 1 hour per week for 8 weeks, 6 hours of skating within the 8 weeks, and 4 hours of bowling within the 8 weeks' period on a rotating schedule.

Monday-Friday - 8:00-8:55 am -Breakfast, Cartoons "Television"

Monday - 9:00-10:00 am -Academic Time: "STEAM" hands-on Project – Reading & Math

10:00-11:00 am -Academic Time: "STEAM" hands-on Project – Science & Technology

11:10-12:00 pm -Cardio Activity: Zumba for Kids

12:05-1:00 pm -Lunch

1:05-2:30 pm -Recreational Activities – Group Activity: Kickball

2:30-5:00 pm -Choice Activities: air-hockey, table-tennis, jump roping, tug-of-war, hula hooping, racing, etc.

5:00-5:30 pm - Cool-down Activities: DVD Movie, board games, PlayStation and snack.

5:30 pm -Parent Pick-up

Tuesday -9:00-9:30 am -Academic Time: "STEAM" hands-on Project – Reading & Math

9:35-12:15 pm -Movie: AMC Indian River 24 (Includes travel)

1. After our K-8 grade low to moderate income students regularly attend our 8 weeks' summer "STEAM" enhancement program (at least 3 days per week), 75% of them will show growth/stability in one or more of the core academic areas: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Mathematics.
2. After completing 5 to 8 weeks of Zumba for kids, campers will increase in their mental and physical endurance, cardio strength, and body flexibility.

15. How will you track the results of these goals and objectives? (This information will be required with your monthly status reports.)

Our Math/Reading outcomes will be tracked using our pre/post computerized assessment (this will take place during the 1st week and the 7th week of camp). Our "STEAM" projects will be tracked with visual images of projects participation and results weekly. We will track our Zumba results using a tally system to monitor their physical endurance, cardio strength, and their body flexibility before and after at minimum 5 weeks of training.

16. Briefly describe measurements of outcomes for each of the activities listed in #12. (Examples - number of unduplicated low/moderate income youth served, number of unduplicated senior citizens served, number of unduplicated Veterans served, number of unduplicated adults served, etc.)

100% of our participants will be unduplicated, and 80% to 90% will be from low/moderate income families.

17. Amount of Grant Funds requested in this application: 5,000.00

Amount of other funds secured for this program/project: 1,600.00

Amount of other funds earmarked for the program/project: 0

Total amount needed to complete this program/project: 6,600.00

18. Describe your contingency plan in the event this grant request is not fully funded, or not funded at all by the City of Fort Pierce.

In the event, we are not fully funded, we will continue to seek funding from other community resources, donations, area grants, and fundraisers to secure this program for our low to moderate income families can proceed as planned.

19. If this is a multi-year project, how will you continue to implement this project if City grant funds are not available in future years?

To continue the implementation of this program, we will seek long-term resources through United Way, Children Service Council, and other agencies (local and abroad) to assist us in our efforts to support our low to moderate income families with the necessary community resources to help their children.

if weather permits.

6. Providing GRACE Education and Business Community Center with the funds needed to enhance the lives of low/moderate income families, will create a partnership that promotes education, health, safety, and community awareness. Working together to accomplish a common goal for the betterment of a community, is partnerships. Grace Education & Business Community Center consider the relationships built with City Hall, Children Services Council, United Way, and Early Learning Coalition, all speaks partnership as we come together in a community effort to better the lives around us.

22. Date project to begin: <u>June 11, 2018</u> Date project to be completed: <u>August 3, 2018</u>			Program/Project Expense/Description
23. Describe any participant fees that will be required as part of this project/program. Please see "New for Program Year 2017-2018" on Page 4 of the Grant Guidance. Grace is striving to be a community site where all services are free to all community students to attend. Funding will allow Grace to offer 15 scholarships to low/moderate income families whose parents cannot afford to place them in a safe environment for the summer (FREE). GRACE will use the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Guidelines to determine if the family qualifies for a summer scholarship on a first come first serve basis. To be eligible for a scholarship, parents will have to provide GRACE with one of the below documentations to prove they are financially in need (approval letter for free or reduce lunch from the school board or approval letter to receive services from Department of Children & Families.			

24. Applicants must demonstrate that the selection of participants is an objective process and Grant Recipient may not limit participation on the basis of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed or disability. How will your project comply with this expectation?

GRACE does not discriminate based on race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, religion, creed or disability. We are here to serve all families wanting to receive our services in the Fort Pierce area on a first come first serve basis. Every applicant must apply with the necessary documents. Once documents received, they will be processed on a first come first serve basis.

25. If this project is sponsored by a church or religious group, participation may not be limited to members of the church. What efforts will you make to ensure that the community at-large is aware of this project and the opportunity for participation?

We are not a religious group, but to ensure we make every effort to reach the community at-large, we will advertise on the radio, place flyers in local schools & businesses, as well as advertise on our website and other social medias.

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Organization Position : Secretary
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Qualifications: BA Degree in management
Professional Licenses : Substitute Teacher
Role in Project : Clerk
% of Time Dedicated to Project : 80%

28. Please attach **ALL** of the documents listed below to your application. Please include a written explanation for EACH document not included:

- _ Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
- _ State and Federal Tax Exempt determination letter
- _ Employee Identification Number
- _ List of Board of Directors with contact information
- _ Organizational Chart for your Organization
- _ Board of Director's authorization to apply for this grant
- _ Last three month's bank statements
- _ Annual budgets for 2016 and 2017
- _ Most recent audit report (if this is not available, provide written explanation)
- _ Matching funds and In-Kind Services commitment documentation (Budget, page 16)
- _ Three (3) Letters of Support for this project
- _ Newspaper articles, and Thank-You letters, etc., as available, for your organization's work within the City of Fort Pierce.