

The White Family Foundation

Grant Request-2022

Palm Harbor Community Services Agency/East Lake Library

January 20, 2022

Date of grant proposal submission	Thursday, January 20, 2022
Are you an IRS compliant 501(c)3 public charity/nonprofit?	Yes
Legal name of organization	Palm Harbor Community Services Agency
DBA Name if Applicable	East Lake Community Library
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Grant Request Amount	\$10,000.00

Please provide us with a brief description of your organization (no more than 500 words).

East Lake Community Library is the cultural, educational, and community center for residents along the East Lake Road corridor in Palm Harbor. We serve close to 60,000 patrons each year and offer a wide variety of programs and services for all ages and interests. Despite being one of the smallest libraries in Pinellas County, we are a Passport Acceptance Facility and offer services to homebound residents. In response to the pandemic, we initiated a food pantry outside our doors and added a 24/7 locker system to allow patrons to retrieve library materials without coming into the building. We are also active participants in local events with community partners such as East Lake Fire Rescue, the Haven of RCS, and the Rotary Club. We are truly a "library without walls."

Grant Purpose (one paragraph)

Last spring, in reaction to news reports of the dramatic increase among teens of depression, anxiety, panic attacks, and suicidal thoughts due to self-isolation and COVID, our library found a way to offer a series based on a nationwide program based out of Stanford University that not only changes the lives of the participants but gives them the tools to support others who are experiencing challenges. We used the unspent library programming funds and held a FREE hybrid version (at the library and virtually) to any teen in Pinellas County. The results were phenomenal – the twenty students who participated gave remarkable testimonials about this life-altering program. We even had parents and other adult patrons who, upon seeing the flyer, expressed a desire to register themselves! It is ironic that the FIRST time this series was offered to the public was through a grant from Bear Stearns for the widows of the 9/11 terrorist attack – as a result of this program, they found a higher purpose and a new perspective for life. That is what we would like to offer to a variety of groups throughout Pinellas County – first responders, parents, young professionals, seniors/empty nesters, veterans, etc. each with unique challenges that can benefit from this program. Individual costs for this Creative Catalyst series (ten weeks – two hours each week for adults) average \$800 per person, which would be cost prohibitive for most people, especially those who might need it the most – that is why our library provided the funding for this worthwhile endeavor. It was the first time a public library has offered this program in Florida and, based on the response, we would like to see it continue. Unfortunately, we can no longer expend library funds for such an endeavor and hope that you might consider sponsoring this series (approximately \$5,000 per group).

Annual Project/Program Budget (if request is for a specific project) \$5,500.00

Annual Organization Budget \$1,087,700.00