

## 2019 Great Ideas Initiative

For the fourth year, Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is releasing funds so local nonprofits can launch their great ideas on behalf of the county's children and families. By targeting local nonprofits with operating budgets of less than \$1 million that are working in partnership with local communities to achieve mutually agreed upon goals and aspirations, these funds encourage agencies to:

- Develop creative approaches to solve a problem, manage change or deliver innovation
- Improve/expand upon an existing project that addresses a community's wants or needs
- Inspire young people to pursue their passions, truest intentions or daring ideas
- Fuel innovative partnerships that help families leverage community resources
- Build their own capacity to strengthen or expand their community footprint

The 2019 Great Ideas Initiative is available to nonprofits in business for at least two consecutive years with operating budgets of less than \$1 million. To apply, nonprofits must be in good standing with the IRS and registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to solicit funds. Nonprofits may not be currently funded by Children's Services Council or have received a grant through the Great Ideas Initiative in previous years.

“Whether it is creating a neighborhood robotics program or helping parents of children with Down syndrome get them ready to enter school, we recognize that grassroots groups often are the first ones to recognize and respond to our communities’ needs,” said Council CEO Lisa Williams-Taylor. “It’s been inspiring to see the creativity and drive of the groups that have received funding through the Great Ideas Initiative.” Since 2016, the Great Ideas Initiative has provided a total of more than \$1.9 million to 66 local nonprofits with the vision, passion and talent to try something new to help Palm Beach County’s children and families.

Nonprofits interested in applying this year must submit an electronic application by **2 p.m., July 10, 2019**, that shows how their great idea would enhance the lives of Palm Beach County’s children (prenatal – age 18) and their families. The Great Ideas Initiative Guidelines and Instructions offer step-by-step directions on how to apply. It is highly recommended that interested applicants read them in their entirety before attempting the online application process. To learn more about the grant process, there will be optional informational sessions held, followed by a grant-writing workshop at the Children’s Services Council building at 2300 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, on: June 11, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. OR June 14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. If you are interested in attending, a RSVP is required by June 5 to [bidsadmin@cscpb.org](mailto:bidsadmin@cscpb.org). Please specify which session you will be attending and how many people from your organization will be there.