



Broward Sheriff's Office
Pompano Beach Summer G.R.E.A.T. Program
Funding Application

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Program Description

The BSO'S Summer G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program is an evidence-based, national, and international gang and violence prevention program that builds trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. G.R.E.A.T. will run 40 hours per week for six weeks at Crystal Lakes Middle School in Pompano Beach, FL. Nine BSO School Resource Officers (SRO) assigned to the Pompano Beach District will operate the program.

The G.R.E.A.T. curriculum consists of 13 core lessons, including gang resistance, anti-bullying, youth violence, problem solving techniques, basic first aid/CPR, team building, positive social skills, and self-esteem. Youth will participate in community service projects, sportsmanship and academic enrichment activities, internet safety, mentoring, and swim/water safety. G.R.E.A.T. includes a family component which is life-skills based and enhances social bonding to reduce isolation within the family.

G.R.E.A.T. will serve incoming 6th graders and rising 7th and 8th graders attending Crystal Lakes and Pompano Middle schools. G.R.E.A.T. offers a safe environment free of charge for at-risk youth who would otherwise be left unsupervised. This is a crucial time for law enforcement to build relationships and trust with students.

Utilization of Funds

Requested funds will be used to pay for field trip expenses (for seven field trips) such as admissions, student lunches and snacks. Funds will also pay for camp supplies which includes arts and crafts materials, books, pencils and miscellaneous supplies used for class instruction, book reports, and community service projects; sports equipment and board games; G.R.E.A.T. logo t-shirts to help identify students on field trips; and water bottles to ensure proper hydration while outdoors.

The salaries and benefits for the nine SRO's assigned to the program will be paid by the Broward Sheriff's Office.

Coordination with Other Agencies

BSO's partnership with the Broward County School Board provides for a safe and secure location for the Summer G.R.E.A.T. program at no cost, allowing BSO to provide the program free of charge to parents. Crystal Lakes Middle School is part of the Summer Food Service program that provides free, nutritious meals to children in low income areas. This program is only offered in areas where more than 50% of the students are eligible for free/reduced meals.

The SRO's believe students would benefit from the experience of giving back to the community and is therefore collaborating with area businesses and neighborhood organizations on to incorporate a volunteerism component to the program. Opportunities will include various activities such as a beach clean-up and environmental conservation training and other such community service projects. As part of the mentoring component, BSO collaborates with organizations such as the Broward County Health Department, Broward County Courthouse, and Waste Management to bring in guest speakers who address the importance of education, work ethics, safety, and necessary skills to get a job. BSO Fire Rescue provides instruction in basic First Aid and CPR. BSO Explorers are middle and high school students who engage with G.R.E.A.T. participants as mentors and role models.

Project Timeline

January – February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertise G.R.E.A.T. Summer Camp<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Post flyers at elementary and middle schools• Open application period
March – April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screen applications• Verify student eligibility with schools• Issue acceptance letters
May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Order materials and supplies• Schedule field trips
June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare site for participants• Complete curriculum materials
June – July 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program begins• Operational hours 7am – 4pm.• Students are given pre/post-tests as the program's primary evaluation and assessment measuring tool
August – December 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow up with students and parents to track progress after program completion• Meet with school guidance counselors to continue monitoring progress.

Project Objectives/Outcomes

The primary objectives of BSO's Summer G.R.E.A.T. program are preventing youth violence, gang participation, anti-bullying, and legal consequences. Students will ultimately understand the dangers associated with delinquency and violent behaviors by learning problem solving techniques without resulting to violence. Students will participate in an evidence-based curriculum while experiencing educational, cultural, and pro-social recreational activities they would not have been afforded without the Summer G.R.E.A.T. program.

G.R.E.A.T. Objectives

- Provide a safe environment, supervision, and structured activities for youth during summer months;
- Strengthen decision making and problem solving skills;
- Teach anger recognition, management, and conflict resolution techniques;
- Enhance reading comprehension;
- Provide a positive impact on youth and their families;
- Create a positive attitude toward family members, law enforcement, school, and the community.

G.R.E.A.T. Outcomes

- 40 at-risk middle school students will attend Summer G.R.E.A.T. program
- Students will learn how to apply problem solving skills;
- Students will avoid gang and/or criminal activities;
- Students will increase reading comprehension;
- Students will have improved communication and relationships with family, law enforcement, school, and within the community.

Data Collection

Daily attendance sheets are used to monitor student attendance in the program. SRO's will take a headcount of students during the lunch break and monitor pick up process at the end of the day ensuring that the students remained present the entire day.

Students will take pre- and post- tests designed by the US Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to evaluate student's knowledge on gangs and the effectiveness of the G.R.E.A.T. program. Student's gain in reading comprehension is also measured through pre-/post-tests as well as classroom discussion of books being read and book reports/homework assignments.

During the school year, SRO's pull weekly truancy reports. To date, not one G.R.E.A.T. participant has shown to be truant. In addition, after five years of running the Summer G.R.E.A.T. program, none of the 185 participants have been involved in gang activity or been arrested as demonstrated through BSO arrest records.

Budget

Project Budget	
Program Supplies	\$1,400.00
Field Trips	\$10,100.00
Student Lunches	\$2,500.00
Student Snacks	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00

Budget Justification

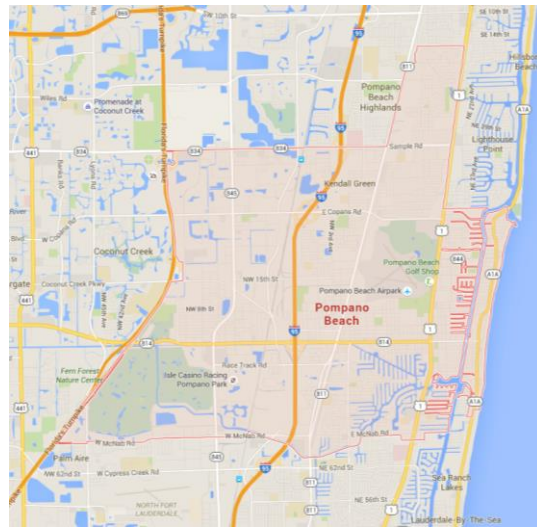
A. Requested Funds

- Program Supplies: $\$35 \times 40 \text{ students} = \$1,400$. Cost includes:
 - Each student will receive five G.R.E.A.T. logo t-shirts to be worn daily and on each field trip;
 - G.R.E.A.T. logo water bottles;
 - Books, pens, paper, arts and crafts supplies;
 - Board games, sports equipment (footballs, basketballs, etc).
- Field trips: $\$42/\text{ea} \times 40 \text{ students} \times 6 \text{ weeks} = \$10,100$;
- Lunches: $\$10.42/\text{ea} \times 40 \text{ students} \times 6 \text{ weeks} = \$2,500$
- Snacks: $\$4.16/\text{ea} \times 40 \text{ students} \times 6 \text{ weeks} = \$1,000$

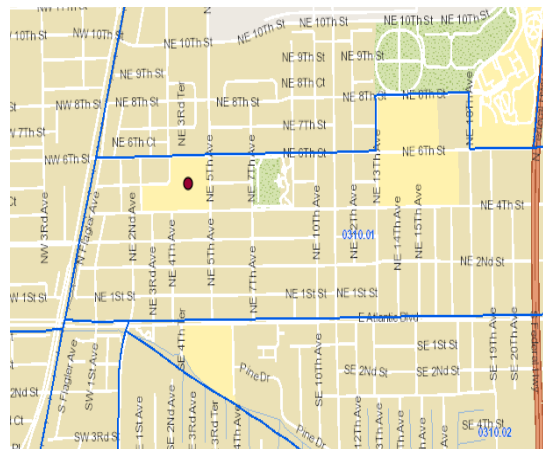
B. Other Sources

- Crystal Lakes Middle School provides breakfast and lunch to students during the summer program except on weekly field trip days. The school receives its funding from the national Title 1 program, which provides free meals to schools in low income areas.

Designated project area is the City of Pompano Beach. Campers will be students enrolled in Pompano Middle and Crystal Lakes Middle schools and will reside in zip codes 33064 and 33060.

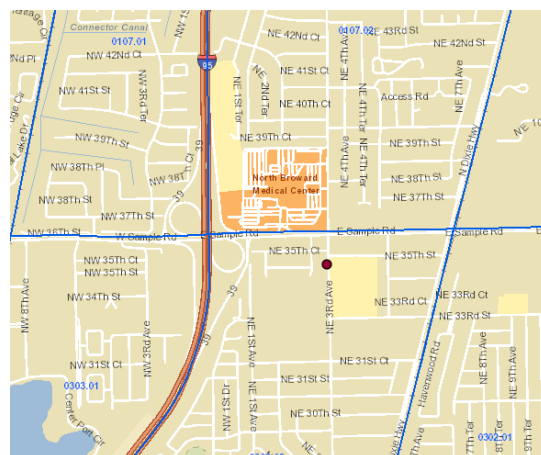


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Crystal Lakes Middle School

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