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Which Children's Trust Goal or Strategy does your program address? 1. Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships. 2. Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful. 3. Children and youth live in a safe community. 1 and 2. We also provide a safe place for children and youth within their community.

Are you a current Children's Trust provider? Yes or No Yes

If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust? 2023

Name of the program you received funding for previously. PowerHour and Project Learn

Have you applied for Emergent Needs Funds before? Yes or No No

If you answered yes above please enter date. Thu, 10/05/2023

Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub? Yes or No Yes

Are you qualified to conduct business in the State of Florida? Yes or No Please attach your Sunbiz. Yes

Describe your program including how your services impact the lives of the Children of Alachua County.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida inspires and enables all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Our vision is to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle. Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida is critical to working families and to the futures of our young people.

To empower Club members to have great futures, they need to first have hope that a successful future is achievable. At Northwest Boys & Girls Club in Gainesville, 63% of our young people live in a single-parent home. An additional 8% live in a non-parent/alternate custody household. Ninety-five percent are on the Free or Reduced School Lunch Fee program, and are living at or below the federal poverty level. To create hope and help our Club members thrive, our Northwest Boys & Girls Club provides intentional, proven programming for Club members that help them feel a sense of belonging, increase their self-esteem and self-confidence, and help them improve academically at school. Thus, although a large majority of our Club members currently live at or below the poverty level, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida helps to ensure that this will not define them for the rest of their lives.

By offering daily access to a broad range of programs in five core areas, all carefully designed to drive positive outcomes

and reinforce attributes that are vital to future success, and through caring relationships built with staff who facilitate the programs, our Club members thrive. The proven programs we offer are in the following five core areas:

1. Education & Workforce Readiness -- These programs provide opportunities for career exploration, educational enhancement, and tutoring.
2. Character & Leadership -- These programs encourage members to become responsible, caring citizens.
3. Health & Wellness -- These programs help youth achieve and maintain healthy, active lifestyles while reinforcing good decision-making.
4. The Arts -- These programs enhance self-expression and creativity while also developing critical social emotional skills. They provide exposure to and develop skills in crafts, and visual, performing and literary arts.
5. Sports & Recreation -- These programs enhance fitness, encourage a positive use of leisure time, reduce stress, foster an appreciation of the environment, and develop social and interpersonal skills.

Our annual assessments very clearly demonstrate the positive outcomes achieved by our Clubs. Outcomes from last year's National Youth Outcome Initiative include:

- 95% of our young people expect to graduate high school
- 87% of our young people expect to get some type of post-secondary education after high school graduation (college, including Master's degree, or vocational/trade school)
- 86% of our young people feel strongly and very strongly about their avoidance of risky behavior (smoking, alcohol, marijuana & fighting)
- 89% of our young people feel a sense of belonging at their Club. A sense of belonging supports positive mental health and emotional well-being.
- 78% of all Club members surveyed had mostly As or Bs this year in school
- For 10th- 12th grade only, 79% had mostly As or Bs
- 90% of 5th- 12th graders surveyed are on grade level

Please Specify your need in as much detail as possible. Include the dollar amount of your request. Explain how your request is an emergent need.

Northwest Boys & Girls Club in Gainesville is in need of a new roof. When the Club merged with our organization in 2020, the roof was old and in disrepair. Over the next couple of years, we have made individual repairs as needed, to keep leaks at bay. Yet, needed repairs continue to pop up in different areas on the roof, creating leaks and what will ultimately lead to mold if not addressed correctly. Repairing the roof one leak at a time is not at all cost-effective. We also have a pressing need to install an electrical system and add air-conditioning to our gymnasium. All renovations to the Club have been put on hold until the roof has been repaired. Some examples include- painting the space, new furniture, updated flooring, gym AC, new signage, and an increased investment in high-end electronics. Other critical improvements to the Club will take place once a new, reliable roof is installed.

We are requesting \$20,000 from the Children's Trust of Alachua County that will go directly towards the estimated \$200,000 cost to replace the roof. We have an additional \$30,000 in state funding towards this budget cost, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida will be funding the remaining \$150,000.

What dollar amount are you requesting? \$20,000

What steps have you taken to resolve the need on your own?

As noted above, to date we have made multiple repairs to the roof as the need has come up, so that we could keep the Club safely operating. The cost of building supplies as well as labor have skyrocketed since we first began addressing the problem, making both the one-by-one fixes and the total roof replacement extremely pricey. However, for safety and long-term viability as well as cost-effectiveness, replacing the whole roof at this time is the most feasible, smart choice. How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?

Due to the deteriorating roof, we have to shut down program areas when a new leak arises. The area is shut down until the leak is patched and the space is deemed safe again. This disrupts programming for multiple days, and causes other program areas to become overcrowded, with Club members being restricted to certain rooms only. During a storm, at any time a new leak can emerge. This means that the safety of the building can be unpredictable.

Please provide your organization's most recent audited Financial Statements if applicable. [21-22year_end_financials_audited.pdf](#)

Please provide your organization's most recent financial statement to your Board of Directors. [yr_end_statement_of_activities_2022_2023_and_budget_2024.xlsx](#)

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Please provide your organization's current budget. [23-24_org_budget.xlsx](#)

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