



**CHILDREN'S TRUST**  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

## Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention

Request Date:	3/30/2026
Requesting Organization:	Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention
Contact Name:	Lauren Heilweil
Event Name:	Cade Community Day
Event Date:	9/12/2026
Event Summary:	<p>The Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention will host a free, family-friendly Community Day on September 12 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, welcoming an estimated 500-600 attendees from across Alachua County. Designed to remove financial barriers, this event provides free admission and full access to the museum, ensuring that all families can engage in high-quality, hands-on learning experiences. Throughout the day, guests will participate in educator-led STEAM activities and explore interactive exhibits such as The Invention of Cool and Snow: Tiny Crystals, Big Impact. Attendees will also have access to the museum's fabrication lab, where they can design and print their own 3D models, gaining exposure to real-world applications of problem-solving, creativity, and technology.</p> <p>Community Day creates an inclusive, welcoming environment where youth learn through exploration, experimentation, and discovery while families connect around shared learning experiences. Community partners, including CTAC, will also have the opportunity to engage directly with attendees through onsite tabling, further strengthening connections to local resources that support youth success.</p>
Number of Attendees:	600
Expenses Summary:	<p>Funding from CTAC will support two key components of Community Day. First, funds will help offset the cost of providing free admission for all attendees, ensuring equitable access for an estimated 500-600 individuals across Alachua County. Second, funding will be used to purchase consumable supplies required for hands-on, educator-led STEAM activities and in-museum educational experiences.</p>
Requested Amount:	\$2,500
Notes/Comments:	
Approved Amount:	\$2,500
Authorized By:	