



**Item:**

TeensWork Alachua - Evaluation Results and Recommendations ( Bonnie Wagner & Deon Carruthers)

**Requested Action:**

Receive the information

**Background:**

In December 2021, The Children's Trust of Alachua County (CTAC) released the TeensWork Alachua RFP 2021-02, seeking a Contractor or Contractors to manage the Summer Youth Employment Program. On January 5 th , 2022, CTAC staff hosted a Bidders' Conference to give an overview of the guidelines, application training, minimum qualifications, and answer questions for the TeensWork Alachua RFP 2021-02. The due date for the submission of applications was January 14th , 2022 @ 3:00 pm. The review process period was January 17th - January 26th, 2022. CTAC received three proposals, which all three proposals met the minimum qualifications for review. A review team consisting of Mary Crown (CareerSource North Central Florida), Cindy Regen (Exactech, Inc.) and Shannon Ritter (Alachua County Public Schools) reviewed and scored the TeensWork Alachua applications independently. A public evaluation was held on Friday, January 28, 2022. Goodwill scored 95.36, Minority Business Listing scored 89.42, and Underground Kitchen scored 77.53.

The Trust to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate contracts with Goodwill Industries of North Florida and Minority Business Listing. Each organization executed a contract with the Trust to recruit and employee youth and recruit local employers as work sites. Local youth worked for 6-8 weeks with the last work week ending in August.

The Trust conducted a thorough evaluation of the program. All involved, including, employers, contractors and youth were invited to participate in surveys to provide Trust staff with feedback for the next funding cycle.

The TeensWork Alachua presentation will provide program results, challenges and accomplishments and recommended changes for FY23.

**Attachments:**

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**Programmatic Impact:**

This program supports Goal 2-All children can learn with the need to be successful, Strategy 2.5-Support Career Exploration and Preparation.

**Fiscal Impact:**

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**Recommendation:**

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