



Office of the Town Manager

Rafael G. Casals
Town Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council

From: Rafael G. Casals, Town Manager

Date: April 18, 2018

Re: Resolution awarding grant funding to:
COAST Academy Parent Association (CAPA)
DEEP Foundation, Inc.
The Early Development of Global Education Charitable Foundation, Inc. (EDGE)

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AWARD OF \$7,500 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CUTLER BAY COMMUNITY FUND TO SUPPORT LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN FURTHERING THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN'S YOUTH; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND

On July 17, 2013, the Town of Cutler Bay ("Town") entered into an agreement with the Miami Foundation to establish the "Cutler Bay Community Fund." This donor advised fund allows the Town to support non-profit organizations that serve Cutler Bay residents. The mission of the Cutler Bay Community Fund *"is to support nonprofit organizations that endeavor to improve the life of residents in the Town of Cutler Bay through educational, aesthetic (community beautification), environmental, cultural, social services and other philanthropic programs and services."* As of December 31, 2017, the Cutler Bay Community Fund has accumulated a total of \$25,409.41 (*Attachment "A"*).

This funding cycle, the Town received a total of three (3) funding requests. Town staff has reviewed the funding requests and found that all of the projects are aligned with the Cutler Bay Community Fund's strategic plan primarily under the *"Education"* service category. The *"Education"* service category aims to impact student achievement by supporting 501(c)(3) organizations that serve both children and youth, from the time they enter daycare to completing twelfth (12th) grade that reside in or attend schools in the Town. Activities include but are not limited to: out-of-school programs, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education, educational field trips, teacher





incentive programs, curriculum enhancement/development activities, educational equipment/supplies, personal safety/prevention activities (anti-bullying, distracted driving awareness, abuse prevention), parenting skills training, life skills training, civic engagement, and college/career preparation. The funding requests are as follows: (Attachment “B”)

Requesting Agency	Amount of Request	Total Project Cost	Purpose
COAST Academy Parent Association (CAPA)	\$2,500	\$2,500	CAPA’s request for \$2,500 will fund the travel expenses for approximately 100 students enrolled in the COAST Marine Science Magnet at Cutler Bay Middle School to attend weekly field trips to Deering Estates to participate in the “Nurturing Environmental Stewards of Today and Tomorrow (NESTT)” Program.
The Early Development of Global Education Charitable Foundation (The EDGE)	\$2,500	\$5,000	EDGE’s request for \$2,500 supports the implementation of a Youth Leadership Program for 25 youth between the ages of 13-17 residing in Cutler Bay. The program promotes effective communication skills, leadership skills, interpersonal skill, and civic engagement.
DEEP Foundation, Inc.	\$2,500	\$6,195	The DEEP Foundation’s request for \$2,500 will engage students and families with an interest in Scuba Diving. Following an introductory “Discover Scuba Diving” class, eight (8) participants will be selected to participate in an intensive training, with the goal of obtaining the PADI Open Water Scuba Certification.
Total Request	\$7,500	\$13,695	

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the Resolution authorizing an award **\$2,500** to COAST Academy Parent Association (CAPA) for the Deering Estate NESTT Program Field Trips; **\$2,500** to The Early Development of Global Education Charitable Foundation (The EDGE) for the Youth Ambassadors Committee Leadership Program; and **\$2,500** to the DEEP Foundation for the Cutler Bay Scuba Program. The total allocation of funds is \$7,500.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment “A” – Quarterly Financial Statement
- Attachment “B” – Funding Requests and Scoring Forms

