

Carolyn's Heart Incorporated

According to Alachua County data in 2022, 20.2% of the population lived below the poverty line, 16.2% being children, which is higher than the national average of 12.5%. Alachua County is home to a population of 280k people. 20% of the population was living with severe housing problems from 2014 to 2023. The average monthly income for a family of 3 living at 150% of the federal poverty level is \$3,227.00 The UF Shimberg Center for Housing Studies' most recent brief reported that 36% of Alachua County low-income renters put more than 40% of their income toward housing. "Affordable Housing" means that monthly rents or mortgage payments including taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 percent. We have families of three trying to provide for the basic needs of their family with \$1936.00 after paying rent. Based on this trend, it is getting harder for families to survive let alone thrive.

Housing instability and utility disconnections are critical issues that exacerbate poverty, Oftentimes families are unable to pay their rent or utilities and have to make hard decisions when it comes to caring for their family. Some families find themselves facing eviction and staring at the possibility of transitional homelessness, which is "a state of homelessness that's a result of a major life change or catastrophic events such as job loss, unexpected medical expenses or divorce. The Empower Stability program provides rental and utility assistance to alleviate the financial burden on low-income households with the goal of stabilizing housing and preventing utility disconnections. Financial literacy focusing on debt management will be a requirement to receive assistance. Clients will have to take a mandatory money management class to create an action plan to build a sustainable plan to care for their families.

Quantified Anticipated Benefits: Housing Stability: Prevent eviction for 50-75 households, approximately 225 individuals (assuming an average household size of 3) annually. Utility Access: Ensure continuous utility services for 50-75 households, improving their living conditions. Financial Literacy and Economic Self-Sufficiency: Train 100-250 households in financial literacy, focused on increasing budgeting and saving skills. Increase disposable income by implementing an effective budget and savings plan for 50 to 75 households, allowing for better allocation towards food, healthcare, and education.

Community Impact Corporation

Alachua County has seen an increase in persons needing housing, food and clothing due to increased homelessness and people living at or below the 150% Federal poverty Level. The Community Impact Corporation is proposing to use funds from this grant to provide food and clothing to individuals and families in need. We have served citizens throughout Alachua County since the year 2015. We operate a food give-away and clothing drive on Tuesdays with donations from churches and grocery stores. Bi-Monthly, we have been able to provide food from the Food Bank. This proposal is to expand the distribution of food to every Tuesday by securing funding to pay for food items every week so that there will be a guaranteed food supply available each week. We currently do not have the funds to pay for the Food Bank truck to come on a weekly basis. The funding received from this resource will allow us to meet the goal of serving those in need on a weekly basis. Since our facility is located in the Northeast section of Gainesville, we believe that we are positioned to be able to create a haven that assists with services that meet the needs of children, youth, adults and seniors to impact and enhance their lives. Our priority population is to serve individuals and families with low-income who are marginalized and under-served, that need assistance by providing them food, clothing and resources to improve their lives. All services will be geared to serving those individuals and families that are at or below the 150% poverty level. Since the inception of the food and clothing giveaways, we have served more than 46,000 individuals and families, with over 150-200 being served each month. Our plan is to serve over 3300 individuals/families annually, serving 260 each month. Our process for providing these services will be to access qualifications and then provide the food and clothing on a first come first serve basis. All persons will receive a resource and referral list to assist them with other needs.

Ecology of the Heart

Ecology for the heart is a non profit that aims to provide educational services for students from extremely low income families. According to the 2022 census about 12.8% of families with children in Alachua county were below poverty level. The project would aim to have tutors and coaches for 5 to 10 students (depending on the budget) so that students can succeed academically and thrive in school life. We want to have tutors who not only teach but are also able to coach students so that they have the best possible access to education. We also aim to provide meals to the students who will be coming to the sessions. Currently we have one tutor but with this grant we hope to increase the number of tutors and students who will avail these services.

The anticipated benefits are:

Boost the students confidence and academic excellence

Around 5 to 10 students will get meals those days

Whatever the academic area student is weak in, they will have access to coaches help them grow in those areas

Students, in spite of challenges from other areas of their lives, will be able to keep up with academic life

First Missionary Baptist Church of Gainesville

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Gainesville, INC's project proposal is for infrastructure/building and electrical circuit wiring renovations, to allow expanded access for our non-profit food outreach program, which currently benefits Gainesville residents from the lower income levels, where households struggle with food deficiencies. These households are already at or below the requisite poverty levels.

Quantify the Anticipated Benefits:

Currently the building infrastructure has older wiring infrastructure, which presents structural limitations to commercial type storage, needed to increase our nonprofit food outreach.

Current building use capacity for food storage outreach programs- Without Infrastructure Grant Upgrades: 6 to 8hours (due to electrical issues and necessary building improvements);

Newly Anticipated Building Infrastructure Capacity With 5K infrastructure SGI Grant Upgrades:

30 to 45 days of extended building utilization for outreach food storage (based on building wiring upgrade and infrastructure renovations to allow for commercial grade kitchen space with proper wiring capacity).

Florida Sickle Cell Center, Inc.

The purpose of this project, is to conduct a needs assessment to collect data and information to help identify the specific needs, barriers, and opportunities of individuals living with Sickle Cell. This will add to the previous healthcare data analysis that provided local, national, and global insights and a model of care that transformed the care of adult individuals living with Sickle Cell.

The intended outcome is to gain insights and understandings that will inform the development of a Sickle Cell Center and inform the quality care of approximately 500 individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease in Alachua and surrounding counties, who primarily live at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level as a consequence of their condition.

The Needs Assessments will involve three phases: Data Collection, Data Analysis, and Dissemination.

1. During Data Collection we will gather patient population information from local county data and administer the data collection tool. This allows for the collection of data and information directly from the patient population that the center will serve.

2. During Data Analysis we will conduct quantitative and qualitative data analysis and visualizations using statistical software. My master's in public health from the University of Florida is research and statistics based and I have a Statistics certificate from Harvard Medical School. Additionally, I have conducted research and written papers and reports in which I completed the analyses and visualizations which have been used locally, nationally, and globally to inform Sickle Cell care, making me an expert in Sickle Cell and Data Analytics.

3. During Dissemination, as is the tradition and mission of the organization to increase access to quality care not just locally, but nationally and globally, we wish to share results and any findings and conclusions. We will share our results to the patient population and other stakeholders by posting on our website. It also allows for the patient informed development of the Sickle Cell center and strengthens funding requests for a very specialized service.

IGB Education

I Gotcha Back (IGB) Education, serving Alachua County's youth since 2007, qualifies as an Emerging Small Business under the Small Grant Initiative (SGI) criteria. Our focus on empowering youth from underserved backgrounds aligns with the SGI's purpose of benefiting residents living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

The \$15,000 SGI funding would significantly enhance our capacity and program quality:

Technology Upgrade (\$8,000):

4 staff laptops for enhanced program management and data collection

5 tablets for interactive learning activities

Educational software licenses and a portable projector

Curriculum Enhancement (\$3,500):

Customized workbooks for our four core areas

Additional hands-on learning materials

Staff Development (\$2,500):

Specialized training in trauma-informed care and financial literacy education

Professional development for improved program delivery

Outreach and Marketing (\$1,000):

Multilingual promotional materials

Targeted social media campaign

These investments would allow IGB Education to:

Increase participant capacity, particularly for youth at or below 150% of the

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Create a Child Care Center (Day Care)

Our Motivation: Aware of the need that exists in our environment, of families who have to work every day and do not have a safe place to leave their small children, a place where they receive love, training in values, respect among others. These are the reasons that have motivated us to create our Care and Training Center.

Vision, Mission.

Population: These services are aimed at a population of children from one year of age to 5 years of age.

What We Offer to Our Infants: What happens in early childhood matters for life, where the family unit plays a fundamental role in their lives, therefore our training is designed for family integration.

Staffing Practices:

Training in Values: Our programs are based above all on promoting Christian values, respect for oneself and others. In the same way we will use teaching materials, according to early childhood, these materials promote autonomy, art, love and respect for nature and the environment where we live. Early stimulation, children's gymnastics, outdoors or indoors according to the weather.

Health and Nutrition Practice: We have a varied menu, designed by a person with extensive knowledge in nutrition and appropriate to the needs of the infant.

Safety Supervision and Practice: Our staff would be trained not only at an educational level but also to act in case of emergency such as CPR, earthquakes, hurricanes, among others.

Child Care Policies and Procedures: Our child care policies and procedures will help us communicate our expectations to both parents and staff. These policies will help us when questions arise about facts or fortuitous events, such as Covid 19.

Physical Structures: Our Center consists of large, illuminated, climatically set spaces for the relaxation of children and staff.

Indoor Environment: Classrooms...(description of the classrooms, 4 classrooms or lounges, 1 reception or hall, 1 kitchen, 1 dining room, 2 bathrooms, rest area, dressing rooms, etc.)

Outdoor Environment: Play area, types of games, garden (future orchard). Parking, etc.

Rates and Schedules:

(QRIS) National Accreditation: We will be a Center with all the accreditations

Infinite Dream Builders Corp

The project of the proposed Healthcare reach back will be to educate the below 150% poverty level to understand how they could qualify with the affordable care act. I am a Florida Blue agent that is able to help the community understand the benefits of health care that they can get. It would also help the community learn about supplemental benefits that can help them stay healthy and their kids. I will also reach out to sports groups where they can't have their kids play sports because they don't have affordable health care. I would like to reach at least 100-150 families.

Karre Beauty

In the past, Karre Beauty has proudly donated 10% of sales to charity and supported our community through food drives. Unfortunately, this summer has been challenging, and we haven't been able to generate the funds needed to continue these efforts.

We are currently working towards purchasing a trailer to become mobile for pop-up events. Our products are sensitive to heat, which has limited our ability to participate in outdoor events. By securing a trailer, we can attend more pop-ups, meet our budget goals, and once again contribute to our community through food drives and other charitable activities.

Krishna House North America

For the past several years we have been an informal way been feeding several people in need in the Alachua area. Recently we founded Krishna House North America to expand not only our food distribution to those in need but all over the US and Canada where we have several connected soup kitchens. The project aims to feed the homeless, homebound, elderly, disabled and whoever is in need. We are currently doing about 50 meals daily and hope to increase that number. To that extent we are planning to help expand the current kitchen we use at Krishna House in Gainesville. Installing a commercial hood will mean being able to cook more and serve more people for years to come. We had fundraised about \$50,000 and a good chunk of it has been used to do repairs, we now need to raise more to put the final piece of the kitchen expansion: commercial hood and fire suppression system. We have pledges from donors and donations left to complete this estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000 project esp with the help of the SGI grant.

With the increased cooking capacity we hope to be able to feed even more people who are below poverty level.

LA Aesthetic

The proposed project is to provide free health and beauty services to residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. This could include services such as free medical check-ups, dental cleanings, haircuts, manicures, and other beauty treatments.

The anticipated benefits to residents living at or below the poverty level are significant. Access to free health services can help improve overall well-being and quality of life by addressing any medical issues or concerns they may have. This can lead to early detection and prevention of serious health conditions, as well as improved mental health and self-esteem.

Additionally, providing free beauty services can help boost confidence and self-esteem for residents who may not have the means to afford such treatments on their own. This can have a positive impact on their mental health and overall sense of well-being.

Overall, by providing these services to residents in need, the project aims to improve the health and quality of life for those living at or below the poverty level in Alachua County.

Lee's Preschool Center, Inc.

I am writing to request funding for two (2) items. 1. upgrading our existing fire alarm system. Our proposed upgrade includes the installation of carbon monoxide detectors and a sprinkler system. The specifications for this upgrade mandate a hardwired system installed by professionals. 2 Fund the cost of the fee for website hosting services,

Legacy Stylez

My business is for all ages, I promote physical activity and overall health and beauty in the community. I have space that provides space for community groups and organizations to hold meetings and events, promoting collaboration and engagement within the town.

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My business benefit the residents of Alachua County. I contribute to the church from any profit from my business and the church provide help to the county.

New Destiny LLC

Project Description:

The proposed project involves purchasing a house for the intentional community Vena Cava in Alachua County. This house will act as a central hub for founders, farmers, healers, and their communities, providing a space for skill development, community building, and personal growth. The house will be designed to promote collaboration, creativity, and a sense of belonging.

Key Features:

Community Spaces:

Workshop Areas: For skill-sharing, business workshops, and mindfulness practices. **Gardens:** Permaculture gardens for fresh produce and hands-on learning. **Common Areas:** Comfortable spaces including a kitchen, dining area, and lounges. **Outdoor Spaces:** Areas for activities like acroyoga, meditation, and small events. **Sustainability:**

Eco-Friendly Design: Sustainable materials, energy-efficient systems, and water-saving technologies. **Automated Garden Beds:** Promoting food security and self-sufficiency. **Educational Programs:**

Business Skills: Workshops on branding, marketing, and sales. **Mindfulness Practices:** Sessions on self-care, yoga, and therapeutic arts. **Agriculture Education:** Training in permaculture and sustainable farming. **Quantified**

Anticipated Benefits:

Affordable Housing:

Direct Impact: Affordable living for up to 10 individuals or families annually, reducing housing insecurity. **Indirect Impact:** Alleviates financial stress, allowing residents to allocate resources elsewhere. **Skill Development:**

Employment Opportunities: Up to 50 community members will gain business and agriculture skills yearly. **Entrepreneurship:** 10-20 community members annually empowered to start businesses. **Health and Well-being:**

Mental Health: Mindfulness and life coaching benefiting up to 100 residents annually. **Physical Health:** Wellness programs promoting fitness and reducing healthcare costs. **Community Building:**

Social Cohesion: Reducing social isolation for 50-100 individuals annually. **Cultural Enrichment:** Hosting events to promote inclusivity and cross-cultural understanding. **Conclusion:**

Purchasing this house for Vena Cava will significantly benefit residents living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level in Alachua County. The project will provide affordable housing, skill development, and promote health and well-being, fostering a supportive community and enhancing the region's quality of life.

Old Town Ministries

The proposed project will be to strengthen the organization, Old Town Ministries Inc., by building a stronger internal structure to allow for a more organized and functional organization to effectively deliver services to Alachua County residents living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level.

Old Town Ministries, Inc. is currently set up as a 501C(3). Even though the organization has been established as a Non-Profit for a while, the organization is still in the infancy/emerging state. We have provided after-school reading literacy and are involved with providing a summer youth mentoring initiative, this summer. Our current organization is comprised of volunteer staff. Through this capacity building initiative, we desire to obtain necessary assistance and training, to put in place systems to help the organization to be more sustainable and successful as we look to deliver services in the areas of food (food distribution), quality education/childcare (mentoring/summer camps) and safe affordable housing (education/referral to resources) for the targeted population, (i.e. living at or below the 150% of the Federal Poverty Level).

Strengthening the organization involves establishing or improving systems key to the organization's continuance and viability for service delivery (such as, proper accounting, legal assistance, access to and management of capital/financial resources, and staff and board training). By doing this, Old Town Ministries, Inc. can be in a better position to be more efficient and effective in our service delivery to the targeted population this initiative is looking to serve.

By so doing, the targeted community benefits from an organization that is in a better position to serve them through a more efficiently run organization, office space for the organization to have a place for maintaining operations/meetings/training to strengthen the organization. The benefits to residents of Alachua residents that fall within these criteria include eligible Alachua County residents can have access to youth educational/mentoring sessions/summer camps, food distribution, and educational/informational sessions on affordable housing along with the organization's hope of being able to eventually provide some level of affordable housing.

Pattie-Cake Chrisitan Academy

PROPOSED PROJECT: Our project aims to enhance Childcare services for low-income families in Alachua County. we aim to provide high-quality childcare services ensuring that children who attend our facility are well-prepared for the next phase in their educational journey.

The anticipated benefits is that we will be meeting the need in our community for low-income families that are living at or below the 150% federal poverty level. Pattie-Cake Chrisitan Academy is expanding to a facility in the city of Alachua, we have 16 years of experience and have a growing waiting list. We will be meeting the need of our community because the largest facility in our city that was meeting the needs of low-income families officially closed their doors June of this year which created a great need for affordable high-quality childcare.

This project aims to fill the gap left by the recent closure of a local childcare facility in June 2024.

We seek funding to help us with Capacity building and the infrastructure of Pattie-Cake Christian Academy which includes involves facilities, staff, training, software, auditing, education, consulting and other such business operations. This will include upgrading our kitchen so that we can Provide Nutritious Meals and snacks for the children and families in our care and successfully structure our business which includes hiring an accountant and a professional payroll agency so that we can ensure our longevity in the community as a top tier childcare learning facility that serve low-income families.

QUANTIFYING ANTICIPATED BENEFITS FOR ALACHUA COUNTY:

Improved School Readiness: Metric: Percentage of children meeting or exceeding developmental milestones. - Target: 85% of children will meet or exceed developmental milestones by the end of the program year. **Increased Parental Involvement:** Metric: Number of parents attending workshops and utilizing resources. - Target: 70% of parents will attend at least one workshop or utilize provided resources. **Nutritional Meals:** Metric: Number of children receiving nutritious meals daily. Target: 100% of enrolled children will receive nutritious meals daily that include breakfast, lunch and snacks. **Enhanced Operational Efficiency:** Metric: Reduction in administrative time spent on enrollment, attendance tracking, and billing. Target: 70% reduction in administrative time through the use of management software, Professional accountant and payroll agency.

Tee Foundation Assistance Network, Inc.

Funds are requested to aid the start-up of our Business and Education Support Services (BESS) a unique operation that provides wrap around services to emerging entrepreneurs, their children and/or other residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level.

Our BESS Project will employ strategies from three of our proprietary initiatives as follows: (1) AIM High Project: Aim High is a "High Income" career exploration project that includes consideration of entrepreneurship as a career option. We also incorporate a personal money management (Financial Literacy/Education) component as well as the exploration of high paying careers in finance. (2) Self-Sufficiency Through Self Employment: We plan to provide entrepreneurial and business money management education, technical assistance and/or access to capital assistance to at least 20 Alachua County residents with the primary focus on technical assistance and aiding the participants in gaining access to capital. (3) Financial Improvement Project: This component will consist of preparing children and adult participants to understand the importance of managing financial resources to grow generational wealth, setting financial goals, and keeping financial records to stay focused on those goals and to monitor progress towards attainment of financial goals.

We will serve at least 20 people which is a very economical \$750 per person. Ech person will have full access to our service offerings for the entire year.

We will also seek to leverage any grant we receive to be able to provide at least one important wrap around component to our service offerings: offer childcare for our program participants who are parents. If the child is too young to participate in an age-appropriate version of the parents' projects, we will have our screened childcare providers teach the Spanish language to children in their care and/or provide other stimulating educational activities for the children. Research has proven it is easier to learn a second language at a young age and doing so aids the command of the English language as well.

Rather than just recruiting and providing services in Gainesville only, we will market and provide services in Newberry, High Springs and Alachua as well if residents of those areas register for our assistance programs as described here in.

We will also provide healthy snacks for our program participants and have formal recognition for achievements and good attendance.

The Black On Black Crime Task Force

The Project, Baxter Place, is an after-school enrichment program designed to serve male middle school students from Alachua County. Our primary goal is to assist this population. According to our local Department of Juvenile Justice statistics, there were 818 total arrests of juveniles in Alachua County in 2023; male youth made up five hundred ninety-one of these arrests, and males of color made up 471 of the total arrests. Addressing these disparities involves systemic changes, community engagement, and targeted interventions. Recognizing and challenging these factors is crucial for promoting equity and reducing the disproportionate involvement of minority youth in the criminal justice system. Our goal at Baxter's Place is to provide aftercare components for youth who meet the federal poverty level by providing these youth with academic enrichment activities by certified teachers from Alachua County. We plan to transport the selected child to our facility, where the youth will engage in educational activities through social and emotional learning. Supporting the social and emotional development of male middle school students, especially those facing economic challenges, is essential to the youth's overall well-being. The youth will engage in exercises such as the circle of control, where they learn the difference between things within their control. They will explore the connection between thoughts, emotions, actions, and conflicts outside their influence. Active Listening Skills, Time Management, Empathy Building, positive affirmation, and conflict resolution. In addition, the youth will have a meal to fellowship with each other and meet their needs. The youth will be transported to their residence at the day's conclusion.

The Dunbar LLC

The proposed project involves the revitalization of The Dunbar Hotel, historically known as the only hotel in Gainesville, Florida, that accepted Black patrons during the segregation era. It served as a significant cultural hub, welcoming both famous Black musicians like Duke Ellington, B.B. King, and Ella Fitzgerald, as well as local workers such as strawberry pickers and vegetable farmers. The project aims to reopen The Dunbar as a restaurant and community space, drawing inspiration from its historical significance.

The hotel currently has 10 rooms with communal bath and shower facilities, but we plan to downsize to 5-7 uniquely designed rooms, each with private bathrooms. The restaurant will offer a gourmet dining experience inspired by local cuisine, Gainesville dishes, and flavors from past travels. The building sits on a large plot with a spacious backyard, offering a multitude of uses. The courtyard will extend the dining area, hosting events such as private birthdays, dinners, cookbook clubs, weddings, yard sales, and community gatherings. Additionally, we plan to establish a free community library for children and book lovers, as well as a free food pantry offering bread, pasta, canned goods, and other essentials year-round.

The Dunbar is located behind the Gainesville Police Department, and through discussions with officers and GPD employees who pass by on their way home, we've learned that this project would be a welcome addition. It will provide a convenient place for officers to take a break or grab a bite before a long shift. We see this as an opportunity to show our support and gratitude to those who keep our community safe, and this grant will enable us to do so.

The benefits to residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level are significant. By restoring The Dunbar, we aim to create a space that serves the needs of the local community, particularly the Pleasant Street neighborhood. The restaurant will offer affordable dining options, while the food pantry will provide free, essential items to those in need. The project also seeks to bring together long-time residents and newcomers, addressing concerns about gentrification and fostering a sense of community and connection. Furthermore, the revitalization of the hotel will transform an empty, deteriorating building into a valuable asset for the neighborhood, enhancing the overall quality of life for local residents.

The Issachar Foundation Incorporated

Project Description:

Objective:

To provide financial, mortgage, and real estate literacy to low-income residents of Alachua County, specifically targeting families and individuals living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level, to position individuals for purchasing an affordable home.

Key Components:

1. Financial, Mortgage, and Real Estate Literacy Training:

On-site workshops and one-on-one counseling sessions focusing on budgeting, credit repair, and savings. Partnerships with local businesses such as: realtors, mortgage brokers, bankers, and insurance agents to provide a 12-week Financial Literacy and Readiness training services.

2. Referrals to Educational Support Services, as needed:
After-school programs, tutoring, and college readiness workshops for children and youth to offer a wholistic approach. Adult education programs, including GED preparation and ESL classes.

Benefits to Alachua County Residents:

1. Economic Stability:

Financial literacy programs help residents to learn to budget their income appropriately, improve credit scores, learn more about buying real estate and prepare for homeownership from professionals who may also be their neighbors.

2. Educational and Personal Growth:

Referrals to Educational support services enhances the academic performance of the family and increases opportunities for higher education and better job prospects for the participants and their children, i.e. the entire household. Referrals to Adult education programs empower residents to pursue further education and employment opportunities, which enhances their economic stability and financial fitness.

3. Community Cohesion:

Community involvement fosters a sense of belonging and community pride. Enhancing County residents' knowledge of safe and supportive living environment reduces stress and improves overall quality of life. The Alachua County Affordable Housing Community Support Initiative aims to provide not just housing but a comprehensive support system that fosters stability, growth, and community for low-income residents.

Vessel Of Hope

The proposed project aims to significantly empower the Youth Action Board (YAB) to lead initiatives that address the needs of residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level by significantly reducing gun violence and youth homelessness in Alachua County. This project will focus on advocacy, peer support, community engagement, education, housing, health, policy change, data collection, and resource development. Key activities include organizing awareness workshops and social media campaigns to educate about homelessness, establish peer mentorship and support groups, and facilitate community clean-up events and volunteer opportunities. Educational support will be provided through tutoring programs, career workshops, and partnerships with local businesses to create apprenticeships. Housing solutions will include host home programs, shared housing initiatives, and advocacy for transitional housing. Mental health and wellness services will be offered through health clinics, conflict resolution workshops, and recreational activities. The YAB will also engage in policy advocacy, developing and presenting policy proposals, and collaborating with advocacy groups. Data collection efforts will involve conducting surveys and research projects, while resource development will include creating and distributing resource guides and maintaining a mobile app (Eventbrite/Gator Safe). Feedback mechanisms will ensure continuous improvement of programs. The anticipated benefits include reaching approximately 2,500 youth annually through various initiatives, providing educational and career development opportunities to 600 youth, and improving housing stability and health outcomes for 1,000 youth, thereby enhancing the overall support system for disadvantaged youth in Alachua County.