

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
AR Kids Read	Little Rock	AR	AR Kids Read	AR Kids Read will work with 45 schools in Central Arkansas to provide 500 tutors to work with 1000 students, volunteering approximately 10,000 hours of literacy tutoring to first, second, and third graders reading below grade level. Focusing on comprehension, vocabulary and fluency while increasing the amount of time spent reading will help improve the reading levels of the students receiving tutoring. In addition, the relationship developed with these students will also help improve their attitude toward reading.
Arkansas Foodbank Network	Little Rock	AR	United to Fight Hunger	In the land of plenty, no one deserves to go hungry, yet Arkansas is one of the most food-insecure states in the nation. Studies have shown that food-insecure children have lower academic achievement, more behavioral problems, and are more likely to suffer from long-term health issues. The United to Fight Hunger project will help support established programs that distribute food to needy families through the Arkansas Foodbank. We provide food to approximately 450 community-based pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, schools, and child and senior programs in our 33-county service area in central, eastern, and southern Arkansas.
Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry	Little Rock	AR	Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry	Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (AHFH) is a community-minded program that provides venison, beef, pork, and other wild game to those in need. We transform an abundant white-tail deer population into a renewable food source for the hungry in Arkansas. These donated animals provide a nutritious source of protein desperately needed by feeding agencies. Meat is the least available food item for the feeding agencies due to its high cost. AHFH can turn 50 pounds of deer meat into 200 servings. Even with the high cost of processing the deer, it's still the best bargain in Arkansas.
Arkansas Museum of Science & History	Little Rock	AR	General Operating Support for Museum of Discovery STEM Educational Programs Serving Low-Income Students in Arkansas	The Museum of Discovery is committed to serving Arkansans of all ages, educational achievement levels, personal abilities, and cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds so that every Arkansan has access to high-quality STEM education. We strive to serve Arkansas students with the greatest need for access to unique, hands-on STEM education, particularly low-income children and youth. With the requested \$17,500 grant from the Entergy Charitable Foundation, the Museum of Discovery can serve at least 1,750 low-income students of all ages in 2017. These underserved students in grades K - 12 will benefit from a wide range of dynamic, hands-on STEM educational programs, particularly a Tesla Coil presentation about electricity, in the museum's Tesla Theater. In addition to exposing students to important STEM concepts, field trips to the Museum of Discovery serve at-risk students who often lack adult supervision and provide them with a safe, supervised learning environment when they are not in school.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund	Springdale	AR	Entergy Scholars Project 2017	<p>We are applying for funds to continue the extremely successful Entergy Scholars Project, where funds from Entergy are matched with money from the Walton Family Foundation (1:1.6 in the Delta; 1:1 elsewhere), creating a pool of scholarship dollars. The funds will be used for scholarships to help impoverished single parents enrolled in a job-focused post-secondary program of study. Local Single Parent Scholarship Fund volunteers and staff interview eligible applicants from the 63 counties where Entergy has a presence and select the individuals to be named as Entergy Scholars. Funds are then distributed to the students, who may use the funds in whatever most helps them stay in school, including gas, car repairs, rent, utilities, childcare, and books and fees. The Entergy Scholars project helps to raise families out of poverty while reducing the demands on welfare-type programs and creating an educated workforce for Entergy and other companies throughout our state.</p>
Arkansas State Council on Economic Education	Little Rock	AR	Summer 2017 Professional Development Training and Programs in Economics and Personal Finance Education for PreK-Educators	<p>Economics Arkansas (EA) is respectfully requesting funding to support Professional Development (PD) trainings and programs for PreK-12 Arkansas teachers during the summer of 2017. Each workshop and seminar will teach educators how to integrate economic and personal finance concepts into the classroom curriculum; all training is certified by the Department of Education, i.e., standards-based and curriculum-aligned. By training teachers, rather than individual students, Economics Arkansas achieves a "multiplier effect." Teachers will share these lessons with their students throughout the 2017-18 school year and beyond. Students who understand how our free-market economy works and the roles they play as citizens, consumers, producers, and members of the workforce will possess the skills and insights necessary to succeed within this system. This outcome will benefit them as individuals and our society as a whole, resulting in increased economic opportunity and prosperity.</p>
Arkansas Tech University Foundation	Russellville	AR	2017-2018 Scholarship Fund	<p>All 75 counties are represented in the Arkansas Tech University student body. Arkansas Tech's students must overcome many challenges to pursue and achieve a college education. One of the most daunting challenges is the restraint of family finances to assist them. We request \$15,000 from the Entergy Charitable Foundation for the 2017-2018 Scholarship Fund, which has and will be used for scholarships for undergraduate and graduate Ozark campus students, as well as Study Abroad participants. Private scholarship dollars are critical to support students in need of assistance as they pursue and attain their educational goals.</p>
Brandon Burlsworth Foundation	Harrison	AR	Eyes of a Champion	<p>Research shows that 83% of all learning in school is visual. When a child is struggling visually, the chances of success in the classroom drop drastically. We believe investing in our children's vision needs early will improve the chances for successful students and, in the long run, ensure a more stable economy and a healthier, more competitive workforce. The Eyes of a Champion program provides free eye exams and glasses to pre-K through 12th grade students in Arkansas who 1) do not qualify for ArKids or Medicaid, 2) do not have vision insurance, and 3) do not have a family income that exceeds \$60,000 per year.</p>

Camp Aldersgate	Little Rock	AR	2017 Kota Camps Camperships	<p>While other camping facilities are not able to accommodate children requiring special medical attention, Camp Aldersgate is dedicated to serving those with special needs. Camp Aldersgate's Kota Camp program is available to children with medical or physical disabilities and developmental delays that are not covered by other specific Summer Medical Camps offered at Camp Aldersgate. The Kota Camps provide opportunities for children with and without special needs to interact with one another and experience the benefits a traditional camp can offer. Through fun and friendship, campers develop a better understanding and awareness of each other. This grant would fund the direct costs of five participants to attend one of our Kota Camp sessions during summer 2017.</p>
Central Arkansas Development Council	Benton	AR	2017 Low income Advocates Leadership and Community Development Conference	<p>The 2017 Low Income Advocates Leadership and Community Development Conference will be held on September 21, 2017. The conference provides a comprehensive training opportunity for Entergy advocates and low-income customers in the state. The conference is a partnership of the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC) and Entergy. Included in the conference is a forum for public, private, and nonprofit leaders from across the state to come together to discuss promising solutions for empowering low-income residents. The mission of the conference is to empower low-income constituents to self-sufficiency through educational learning sessions, networking opportunities, and resource sharing. These entities work in collaborative partnerships to create communities that are viable, healthy, and self-reliant.</p>
City of Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	AR	Pine Bluff Aquatic Life Saving Program	<p>The Southeast Arkansas Healthplex will be the first health, wellness, and fitness facility in Southeast Arkansas and will benefit a population of 250,000 people who live and work within an hour's drive of Pine Bluff. The Healthplex will offer fitness and wellness instruction, health education classes, and lectures and symposiums, as well as serve as a host site for regional athletic competitions. Pine Bluff does not have a public swimming pool, thus the majority of students are not taught how to swim, or how to save themselves from drowning. As a City surrounded by large bodies of water, this is a public safety concern. The Aquatic Center at the Healthplex will offer educational classes and ensure all public school children have the opportunity to participate.</p>
City Year	Little Rock	AR	Whole School Whole Child Social-Emotional Learning Program at Mabelvale Middle School	<p>Although Little Rock has made progress towards turning around low-performing schools, reform efforts cannot have the desired effect on achievement if students lack the non-cognitive skills to succeed. Social-emotional learning (SEL) -- the process of developing self-management and interpersonal skills -- is an important contributor to student success. This is particularly important because when a student feels connected to school, they are more likely to work hard and be involved in positive activities both inside and outside of school. City Year's Whole School Whole Child model helps students and schools succeed by providing a blend of school-wide and targeted school culture, SEL, and behavior supports throughout the school day that foster a positive school climate and promote students' school connectedness, community and civic mindedness, and self-perception as capable and committed learners. This is accomplished through the use of well-trained corps members who are near-peer role models.</p>

First Step, Inc.	Malvern	AR	Job Readiness Training	There are those who, because of their disabilities, are afraid to venture out into community work environments. The Job-Readiness Project will better equip the adults in First Step's Supported Employment Program to enter the workforce. Job readiness is more than possessing a skill that enables an individual to do a job. It is possessing the skills and the knowledge that enable a person to get dressed and groomed before going to work, to get to and from work, to take care of one's finances, and to operate within the workplace. Grant funds from Entergy will be used to equip a classroom with necessary furniture and resources for a learning environment. We will purchase a washer and dryer, furniture, and other equipment for hands-on learning. In addition to preparing them for the types of jobs which require use and maintenance of similar types of equipment (jobs such as hotel housekeeping, laundry services, etc.), it will also help with training clients in personal care.
McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center	McGehee	AR	Strengthen Southeast Arkansas Community	A brand-new box of pastels. A set of wood-handled paintbrushes. A pad of heavy drawing paper. A tub of clay. A stack of magazines and a pair of scissors. Jane Tillman, a mental health counselor and art therapist in Seattle, WA, believes that these materials can be as healing as any prescription or therapy session for young people exposed to violence and trauma. This project is designed to teach at-risk students to express themselves through painting, drawing, public speaking, singing and acting as a way to build their self-esteem.
PARK Foundation, Inc.	Little Rock	AR	Summer Enrichment Program	All students entering P.A.R.K.'s after-school program must first complete a Summer Enrichment Program. The Summer Enrichment Program is dedicated to education and academic skill building through workshops and computer lab programs. These programs focus on math, science, English, reading comprehension, foreign languages, social studies, and language arts. This intensive summer program is incentives based, academic, and designed as a bridge between one academic year and the next. P.A.R.K. uses the summer to help students prepare for the new school year, orient themselves to the P.A.R.K. culture, and form relationships with hundreds of current students and staff.
Philander Smith College	Little Rock	AR	Philander Smith College Hybrid Engineering Program	The Hybrid Engineering Program at Philander Smith College will create employment opportunities by improving on the critical shortage of high-tech workers from the Delta regions of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, will help meet the needs of high-tech businesses to become catalysts of economic growth, and will help empower rural communities to flourish by increasing the skill levels of their residents.
Recycle Bikes For Kids Inc	Little Rock	AR	Earn a Bike Project	Recycle Bikes for Kids, Inc. (RBFK) began serving the transient community through the creation of the "Earn a Bike" (EAB) program. The majority of program participants are homeless, by choice or circumstance. The EAB Program is extremely important to people looking to get back to work or further down the path to self-sufficiency. This population counts on us for bicycles that provide basic transportation, as well as a place to get help with bike repair. In addition to individuals who appear at our shop, we work closely with residents from Our House and Veterans from The Department of Veteran's Administration Day Treatment Center's program. We are honored to be part of their pathway out of poverty, and increased staffing and space will allow us to better serve the needs of these groups.

Samaritan Ministries Of Hot Springs Inc	Hot Springs	AR	Homeless Shelter/Resident Program	The Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs, Inc.'s Resident Program provides 10 months of life and job skills training to up to 14 men at one time. These courses are designed to get to the root causes of their homelessness and help them become more employable and self-sufficient. Many of the men have graduated with full time employment, housing, and transportation. Many have also bettered their relationships with family members and returned to their wife and children.
State of Arkansas	Little Rock	AR	King Commission's Statewide Community Projects for 2017	The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is a state organization empowered to serve all Arkansans. Because of its limited resources, a consensus determined that the Arkansas MLK, Jr. Commission would focus on youth-oriented projects that develop the fundamental and foundational activities and actions that aid in the Nonviolence cause. Violence and crime among youth are one of the critical concerns with the citizens of Arkansas, thus the Arkansas MLK, Jr. Commission continuously develops a multitude of public service projects that aid in the effort alleviating violence and crime in our beloved community. The Arkansas MLK, Jr. Commission through its Youth Commission Board, which is composed of Arkansas high school and college students who have demonstrated strong qualities of leadership and community service, utilizes feedback from the Youth Commissioners who have particular influence in advising the Commission on projects dealing with youth.
Trash Bash Council, Inc.	Malvern	AR	Trash Bash and Cash for Trash	Trash Bash Council, Inc sponsors two projects each year--the pre-summer clean-up called Cash for Trash and the post-summer clean-up called Trash Bash. In conjunction with other local non-profits, the Trash Bash Council developed a lake clean-up program called "Cash for Trash." The aim of this program was to obtain volunteers for Lake Hamilton clean-up programs during the lake draw down period. The post-summer program in October, "Trash Bash," involves individual volunteers, as well as family and corporate teams, picking up well over 12 thousand pounds of litter. All the volunteers are able to enjoy a free BBQ lunch, coke, cookies, and all the fixings in the beautiful surroundings of the Garvan Woodland Gardens Klipsch Amphitheater. Educational booths are set up around the site; these booths provide information on environmental, youth, and family issues.
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	AR	Moving the Needle: An Transition Program to Enhance Enrollment and Student Success at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) is committed to providing educational access and affordability in educating the citizens of Arkansas, with particular emphasis on the underserved communities in Jefferson County and the 15 surrounding counties of the Arkansas Delta. In keeping with the University's vision to educate students for a 21st Century globalized society, targeted emphasis will be placed on increasing the numbers of students prepared for careers in education, business, and the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. UAPB has established a 5-week residential summer academic and co-curricular enrichment program to reduce the level of freshmen remediation in English and math and to provide support for new students' readiness while transitioning from high school and home to college. The goal of the LIONS Program is to serve the immediate needs of students transitioning to UAPB.

University of Arkansas Foundation	Little Rock	AR	UALR Outreach: EIT/Sponsorship Support - Expanding to Better Serve Arkansas	To build a larger pipeline of EIT students and potential employees for companies such as Entergy, we must strategically focus on building interest and skills in engineering and IT-related subjects among students in grades 6 through 12. We have strategically amassed a suite of outreach programs that specifically target underserved populations in the state. Designed to introduce students to engineering and IT- related subjects at low or no cost to the student throughout the calendar year, Girl:CODE, Engineering Scholars Program (ESP), High School Research Program (HSRP), and the new Geology Camp provide more than 75 students with an opportunity to experience college life, receive valuable college preparation information, and participate in lectures and hands-on projects in engineering, geology, and information and computer sciences.
University of Arkansas Foundation	Hot Springs	AR	Coding Arkansas' Future	This project aims to increase the number of Arkansas high school teachers qualified to offer Advanced Placement Computer Science. Although all districts are required to offer introductory Computer Science courses under an initiative led by Governor Hutchinson, only 27 schools offered Advanced Placement Computer Science A last year in Arkansas. This project aims to strengthen the state's Computer Science education pipeline from kindergarten through career by increasing the number of educators qualified to teach Advanced Placement Computer Science.
Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home And Family Services Inc	Little Rock	AR	Enabling youth to heal from abuse and create pathways to success	Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services has a commitment to healing children who have experienced abuse through comprehensive programs at its children's home in Monticello. Vera Lloyd contracts with the State of Arkansas to provide emergency shelter for up to 45 days, long-term residential care and respite care for youth in foster care, and therapeutic group homes for boys who have committed misdemeanors. Vera Lloyd ensures all youth have health insurance and preventive primary, vision and dental care. We provide school supplies, transportation, study time, and encouragement to participate in extracurricular activities. We prepare healthy meals and provide healthy snacks at all times. The daily schedule includes required time for counseling, school, physical activity, tutoring, studying, and learning independent living skills. We model and carry out education related to social skills, independent living skills, and transitioning from foster care to independence.
Womens Foundation Of Arkansas	Little Rock	AR	2017 Girls of Promise Conference and Initiative	Women's Foundation of Arkansas (WFA) believes that the overall educational and economic status of women in Arkansas will improve if we encourage girls to advance their skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The purpose of Girls of Promise (GOP) is to train, mentor, and provide access and opportunities for girls in STEM-related fields. WFA conducts programming, like our signature GOP Conference (for 8th graders) and GOP Coding Summit and Contest (for 6th -- 12th graders), which are free of charge to girls from around the state.
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American Indian College Fund	Denver	CO	Entergy Tribal Scholarship Program	<p>American Indians and Alaska Natives are the most underrepresented minority group in higher education today. They experience the highest high school dropout rates, the lowest rate of completion for college preparatory courses, and among the lowest college entrance and retention rates in the country. Only 13.6% of AIANs 25 years and over have earned a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 29.3% of the population overall. AIANs are the most economically disadvantaged racial or ethnic group in the United States. In 2014, 28.3% of AIANs were living below the poverty level, the unemployment rate was 13.3% and per capita income \$17,135. Of the more than 4,100 Native scholars supported by the College Fund in 2015-16, 37% were first-generation, and 38% were single parents. The demand for scholarships for Native students continues to increase; the College Fund received nearly 11,000 applications for financial assistance in 2015-16. The College Fund believes the Entergy Tribal Scholarship Program aligns well with the Entergy Corporation's philanthropic interests in improving the quality of life in communities where Entergy operates. The College Fund respectfully requests a grant of \$30,000 to renew the Entergy Tribal Scholarship Program which will provide critical scholarship support to Native students. Preference will be given to students who are enrolled in the Houma tribe of Louisiana or who are attending schools in Louisiana, and secondary preference will be given to students who are from or who are attending schools in Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York.</p>
City Year Inc	Baton Rouge	LA	City Year Baton Rouge LongTerm Impact: Building the Graduation Pipeline	<p>For the 2017-2018 school year, CYBR will continue its expansion in Baton Rouge schools through its Whole School Whole Child Program. CYBR would grow its current corps size to elevate the graduation rate and support more at-risk students every year to ensure their success from elementary to high school and beyond. By tactically supporting at-risk students and offering enriching whole-school activities, we can help students develop the right skills and confidence to continue to graduation. Of special circumstance, Baton Rouge faced unprecedented challenges this past summer in tragedy and destruction -- adversely affecting our students' ability to thrive and achieve in school. Our corps and staff have dedicated more than 8,500 hours to flood relief and recovery. We deployed our corps members in numerous ways to meet the needs of the community to ensure the students we serve were welcomed back to an inviting and engaging learning environment. In times of uncertainty, our AmeriCorps members and their red jackets provide a consistency so desperately needed in the classrooms and in our students lives.</p>

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Education Pioneers Inc	New Orleans	LA	Scaling and Expanding Education Pioneers' New Orleans Fellowship Programs and Alumni Leadership Network	Following a successful launch, Education Pioneers (EP) respectfully requests a \$15,000 one-year investment from the Entergy Charitable Foundation to scale our expanded EP Fellowship programming, recruit and train 28+ leaders, and expand our Alumni network services to provide additional career growth options. EP fills an important need for high-quality leadership and management talent to respond to the complexities of a decentralized New Orleans public education sector. Our deepening bench of in-demand talent enables highly-needed capacity building efforts among key local education organizations, which advance critical programmatic initiatives benefitting the 45,000+ students impacted by a wide opportunity gap.
Heritage Ranch	Zachary	LA	Strengthening Youth and Reunifying Families	Heritage Ranch is a residential Children's Home serving boys (ages 12-16) on its 52-acre campus. population served by Heritage Ranch includes youth, middle and high school age, engaging in unhealthy and destructive lifestyles. Our families are referred from Zachary and the Greater Baton Rouge Region (a 7 parish area). Our youth report a consistent struggle to achieve and make wise choices due to 1) crisis in their home environment, 2) limited resources, 3) lack of supportive relationships, 4) limited academic and emotional support, 5) high levels of anxiety, and 7) an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. Without an intervention, these youth are, statistically, more likely to face homelessness, limited academic achievement, poverty, incarceration, and financial dependence on society. Heritage Ranch equips youth to make decisions which 1) diffuse current crisis, 2) reduce unsafe behaviors, 3) foster positive communication, 4) encourage personal accountability, 5) strengthen family unit, and 7) improve academic performance.



Lighthouse for the Blind	New Orleans	LA	Employment Services	Lighthouse Louisiana requests support for Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities, which serves people in the region who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf or who live with other disabilities. Employment provides purpose, inclusion, and socialization, as well as income to live a quality-filled life with independence. Lighthouse provides hands-on assistance and education, maintains community partnerships with potential employers, screens jobs for job-seeking clients, equips persons living with disabilities with adaptive techniques and skills necessary to gain employment and function independently at work, matches clients with disabilities with potential employers, provides job placement services, and provides job coaching as long as the client remains employed in the job placement. Like Energy, we "Power Life" and recognize that inclusion and diversity in the workplace is as great a benefit to the employer as it is to the employee.
LSU Foundation	Baton Rouge	LA		The LSU Foundation requests funding for new lab equipment. At the end of 2017, the Division of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at LSU will be moving into a new permanent home with new and larger lab spaces within the newly renovated and expanded Patrick F. Taylor Hall. Whether due to new curriculum within ECE or added lab space for existing labs, these new and larger lab spaces come with the need for new equipment.
New Schools For Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	LA	Beyond 2017: Creating a system of excellent schools across Louisiana's Capital City	As a result of low performance and growing community frustration, three new school districts incorporated and broke away from East Baton Rouge Parish School System in the early 2000s, and a fourth unsuccessfully attempted this split in 2015. Today, only 22,000 high quality seats exist for 80,000+ students in the Parish, and only 6,400 of these seats are open enrollment. Nearly 25% of students attend a nonpublic school, where quality is not formally assessed, and the remaining ~50 percent of students are trapped in inadequate public school seats. As an organization, we believe New Schools for Baton Rouge is uniquely positioned to foster the creation of meaningful educational choices in Baton Rouge. We will do this by bringing high quality, open enrollment operators with a history of excellence from different sectors (public charter, diverse-by-design, scholarship, faith-based) to our community. We will also focus on the enabling conditions that surround these operators to ensure that the educational ecosystem empowers excellent schools to do what they do best.
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St. Charles Parish Library	Destrehan	LA	St. Charles Parish Library 2017 Summer Reading Program	The St. Charles Parish Library hosts an annual Summer Reading Program to encourage children, teens, and adults to maintain their reading skills and library usage during the summer months by participating in a reading challenge and attending special events at our six library locations.
Teach for America	Baton Rouge	LA	Ensuring Educational Equity in South Louisiana	This school-year, schools across Louisiana opened with 400 unfilled teaching positions. Louisiana is currently experiencing a teacher shortage that is leaving students without the education they deserve to achieve future success. Too often, the lack of resources leaves children without the foundation to be prepared for college and career. Teach For America seeks to recruit talent to rural and urban classrooms of South Louisiana, understanding that education is a critical lever to bring long-term sustainable change and resources to Louisiana. Through strategic placement of high-quality corps members in classrooms across our region and supportive alumni that continue to affect the education landscape inside and outside of the classroom, Teach For America is closing an achievement gap and better preparing students in low-performing schools for college and career. Support of Teach For America is a conduit to empowering students to compete in a global economy.
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Teaching Responsible Earth Education -T.R.E.E.	New Orleans	LA	Energy Invests in the Future of New Orleans Area Students and the Environment through Education, Empowerment and Unique Outdoor Experiences.	New Orleans area children need opportunities to achieve acceptable levels of learning in science. They also need to understand how their environment functions, and that it is interconnected to all life. To provide opportunities to immerse children in nature, where science learning is alive and ongoing, Teaching Responsible Earth Education (T.R.E.E.) will bring 1,800 New Orleans area students to learn science in an Outdoor Classroom. Three successful programs are involved. Earthkeepers™ (fourth grade) covers four life science concepts (energy flow, cycles, interrelationships, and change) and is held at Jean Lafitte National Park. Sunship Earth™ (fifth grade) focuses on seven life science concepts and offers a strong sense of community. Sunship III™ (seventh grade) deepens life science understanding and focuses on implications of decisions that affect the students' personal lives and their communities.

United Negro College Fund, Inc.	New Orleans	LA	UNCF Annual Campaign	<p>"A mind is a terrible thing to waste but a wonderful thing to invest in" is the motto of the United Negro College Fund, Inc. (UNCF), which embodies UNCF's mission to build a robust pipeline of underrepresented students who become highly qualified college graduates and to ensure that our network of HBCUs are models of best practices in getting students to and through college. Member institutions depend on the work of UNCF to provide operating support, scholarships, and internships. As the nation's largest and most effective minority educational organization, UNCF's record is unmatched in preparing minority students for careers of success and service.</p>
West Feliciana High School	St. Francisville	LA	CyberDiscovery Camp 2017	<p>CyberDiscovery Camp is a program at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana where six rising sophomores and two teachers have an intensive week-long view into robotics, cryptography, and architecture. This is done in a competitive nature; ten high schools from around the area send teams to compete in the event. Students develop skills in technology, teamwork, time-management, and literacy through the camp's many projects, essays, and challenges. West Feliciana High School currently is in the beginning stages of its Robotics Program. This camp will encourage students to consider a career in technology, while simultaneously giving them the skills to participate in and help grow the Robotics program in the future.</p>
West Feliciana Middle School	St. Francisville	LA	Continued Implementation of LEADER IN ME Program at West Feliciana Middle School	<p>The LEADER IN ME Program, based on Dr. Stephen Covey's groundbreaking book <i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People</i>, is a whole-school transformation process. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. West Feliciana Middle School entered year one of a three-year implementation process in August 2016. Since then, every adult in the building received training in the <i>7 Habits of Highly Effective People</i>, and we are actively teaching the 7 habits to our students and are working to develop students' interpersonal and intrapersonal skills through leadership. Our building has been branded as a LEAD SCHOOL, and our students have begun to take on leadership roles both in the classroom and at a school-wide level. We will enter our second year of implementation during fall 2017.</p>
West Feliciana Middle School	St. Francisville	LA	iROBO: Innovative Real Opportunities for Better Outcomes; Battle Bots	<p>To further provide our students with STEM opportunities that will prepare them for their futures, we are expanding the iRobo program to include a competition element through the creation of Battle Bots. As we build on our past success, we hope to involve and expose our students to the competitive world of robotics at the state, national, and, eventually, global level. Through iRobo/BattleBots, students will have higher level math/science/technology content knowledge, more confidence in their ability to handle challenging concepts and work in a team environment, and stronger parental support. These outcomes will enable them to be ready for college, career, and life. Mastery of the content and abilities fostered by the Robotics Science/Technology/Engineering/Math class will increase student capacity to be successful in college and their future careers, especially in the STEM disciplines.</p>

YMCA of Greater New Orleans	Metairie	LA	YMCA of GNO Adult Education and Workforce Development Program	The New Orleans workforce has a disproportionate share of low-literate and low-skilled adults, with 27% of New Orleans' current working-age population classified as functionally illiterate. Nearly one in three adults in our community lacks the reading skills to complete forms and write reports on the job. Illiteracy is perhaps the greatest obstacle to economic development in our area. Career opportunities are available, but many of our citizens do not have the education to take advantage of them. This skills gap limits them to low-wage, entry level work, unable to move up. YES! teaches adults the reading, math, and computer skills they need to succeed at work, to assist children with schoolwork, and to be active, engaged citizens. We are the only agency in Greater New Orleans with a special focus on the lower-level readers who may take longer to achieve their goals. In addition to adult literacy and high school diploma classes, we provide computer classes and referrals to workforce training programs. All of our services are free; the only requirement is a desire to learn.
Norwell Visiting Nurse Assoc Inc	Norwell	MA	Expanding Hospice Home Care on the South Shore	The Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (NVNA) Hospice Division respectfully requests funding from the Entergy Charitable Foundation in support of an important community resource, The Pat Roche Hospice Home (PRHH). The PRHH now provides a dignified home-like alternative for families who need end-of-life care and yet are unable to remain in their own homes. Since our doors opened, over 400 Massachusetts residents, many from Plymouth and surrounding towns, were allowed to die peacefully, without pain, and surrounded by their loved ones.
Silver Lake Robotics Team	Kingston	MA	2017-2018 First Tech Challenge Competition	Our goal is to field 3 FTC (First Technical Challenge) teams this coming year in order to expand student involvement in robotics. Concurrent goals are to expand the Introductory Robotics course that is now in the Silver Lake Regional High School science curriculum, and increase community support for robotics at the Middle School and Elementary School level.
Overflow Christian Community Development Association	Benton Harbor	MI	Steps to Greatness Pipeline	Mosaic's Steps to Greatness Pipeline helps vulnerable low-income individuals reach self-sufficiency and improves job attainment/retention in our community through our workforce development program, Jobs for Life (JFL), and our Placement & Retention Network (PRN). JFL provides job training, life skills coaching, mentorship, and work experience. In classroom sessions, students develop soft skills; graduates intern at one of Mosaic's social enterprises to gain experience. The PRN connects graduates with local employers, supports employees experiencing stress/hardship, and assists them in implementing employment-sustaining strategies to bolster long-term retention. We are expanding JFL to train 1,000 un/underemployed individuals by 2022. Steps to Greatness significantly improves employment opportunities and quality of life for participants and their families, as well as strengthens the economic vitality of our entire community.

Van Buren Intermediate School District	Lawrence	MI	Back To School Bonanza; Backpack Distribution Project	This project distributes 1,200 - 1,500 backpacks filled with age-level school supplies to Van Buren County families in need. Current conditions in Van Buren County reflect a student population where approximately 70 percent of the students qualify for free and/or reduced lunches (up to 185 percent of Federal Poverty Level). The distribution of backpacks takes place in a venue where families interface with community resource agencies/organizations and can reap the benefits of talking one-on-one with agency representatives. Community agencies such as the Health Department, Department of Human Services, Legal Aid, Head Start, Community Mental Health, etc., are present.
City of Brandon	Brandon	MS	Brandon Amphitheater	The Brandon Amphitheater will be located along Interstate 20 between exits 54 and 56 which is a central location between Dallas, TX, and Atlanta, GA, as well as central between Memphis, TN, and New Orleans, LA. There isn't a large entertainment venue for concerts to be housed on a regular basis in the Greater Jackson area. The theater will be a 9,000 seat outdoor music venue that will feature 12-15 top artists every year along with local events.
Delta State University Foundation	Cleveland	MS	2017-2018 Bologna Performing Arts Center School-Time Matinee Series and Mississippi Summer Arts Institute	The Bologna Performing Arts Center demonstrates its commitment to arts education through year-round programming. In 1998, BPAC developed the first Janice Wyatt Mississippi Summer Arts Institute (MSAI), which provides an annual comprehensive training program in all arts disciplines. The goal of MSAI is to encourage young artists to begin or continue their pursuits in the fine and performing arts. BPAC's School-Time Matinee Series provides new learning opportunities through the performing arts for approximately 10,000 preK-12 students each year. The goal of the School-Time Matinee Series is to connect children, teachers, and school audiences with the performing arts in profound and meaningful ways and to bring performances to Mississippi that complement and enhance the school curriculum by introducing students to worlds they have never known before.
Mississippi Children's Museum	Jackson	MS	Mississippi Children's Museum's 2017 Fall Festival	The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) strives to address our state's literacy disparities through a unique play-based approach to learning implemented through innovative programs, special events, and permanent exhibitions targeted to reach children during critical learning years. Funding provided by the Entergy Charitable Foundation will support the MCM's fall 2017 literacy-based family event. This unique event celebrates the wonder of literature and the active nature of a child's involvement in reading. It is designed to enhance reading readiness and improve literacy skills, as well as to foster a love of language and books to inspire future readers and encourage those who are already reading. The fall event is especially important because it encourages families to participate in reading and learning together. By supporting our fall literacy based festival, Entergy would be helping the museum fulfill its mission to reach out not only to children, but also to their families. It is critical to involve the family so that school-based learning can be reinforced at home.

Mississippi College	Clinton	MS	Innovation and STEM Based Shifting of Mississippi Classrooms Through Teacher Education and Preparation	The MC STEM Institute builds teachers who produce a competitive workforce and 21st century learners through six pillars: 1) Intellectual freedom and rights, 2) Project-Based Learning (PBL), 3) Design thinking, 4) Equity and inclusion, 5) 21st century/global learning, and 6) Well-being/Socio-emotional learning. With critical shortages of STEM teachers, Entergy's support to offset out-of-pocket costs of professional credentialing for Mississippi teachers is pivotal. MC STEM will support up to 15 K-12 licensed teachers to pursue professional development and two professional tracks: 1) Endorsement and Certification in STEM, and 2) M.Ed. STEM. Educators and leaders will engage in a STEM Innovation Day to promote innovative practices. They will learn how to facilitate creative and innovative thinking about the natural world and how to challenge their students to solve real-world problems through constructive, project-based activities and modeling processes.
Mississippi Council on Economic Education	Jackson	MS	Stock Market Game: Financial Literacy for Young Mississippians	The Stock Market Game program (SMG) is a dynamic, online financial education teaching tool focused on personal financial capability and understanding of the global capital markets. While it is far more than a game, SMG makes learning fun and engaging for millions of 4th-12th grade students and teachers. It inspires young people from all walks of life to learn and strategize, understand how global events impact their daily lives, strengthen their research and analytical skills, increase their familiarity and experience using technology, and hone their decision-making and teamwork skills. SMG enhances basic academic skills for students of all backgrounds, reinforcing their knowledge of mathematics, economics, business, social studies, and current events, while providing them with practical life skills underpinning college and career readiness. When SMG is provided free of charge, even the most financially challenged schools are able to fully integrate financial education into the classroom.
Mississippi Cultural Crossroads	Port Gibson	MS	Community Engagement Through Arts and Humanities	As we celebrate the MS Bicentennial and approach our own celebration of 40 years, our programming will reflect on the impact of the arts and humanities in our local communities and the world around us. We will focus on artistic and cultural activities that (1) celebrate life in Southwest MS, (2) explore the art and traditions of other cultures, and (3) facilitate dialogue and critical thinking around societal issues that affect us all. We will continue to promote the creative economy and STEAM programs to bring value to the communities we serve, including Camp Crossroads, our 9-week summer camp for children in grades 3-8; a collaboration with the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University ; and a collaboration with the Mississippi Museum of Art and the MS Humanities Council to host one of the Art Across Mississippi  Twelve Exhibits, Twelve Communities exhibits.

Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science	Columbus	MS	MSMS Summer Enrichment Program	The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) of the Mississippi School for Mathematics & Science (MSMS) provides students with a one week program that is educationally sound and highly motivating, encouraging those students to make even greater strides toward academic excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The program increases interest in STEM subjects and career fields and develops skills necessary for success; reduces minority and gender gaps in student enrollment in high school STEM courses; provides an intensive academic and laboratory experience to challenge each student; and measures effectiveness in future student academic and career intent within STEM fields using exit surveys. MSMS will offer two one-week enrichment programs in 2015, one for rising 7th-8th graders and one for rising 9th-10th graders. The two are essentially identical, with actual activities slightly modified based on participants' skills and abilities. In an effort to provide access to the program without discriminating due to income, the MSMS Foundation offers some financial assistance.
The Salvation Army	Greenwood	MS	Social Service Programs	The Salvation Army in Greenwood is seeking funding for our Social Services Program. The Salvation Army's Social Services Program provides assistance with rent and utility payments, grocery food boxes, clothing and furniture vouchers to our Family Stores, transportation and prescription assistance, personal comfort kits, assistance during the Holidays (Angel Tree), and summer camp opportunities.
The Salvation Army-Greenville	Greenville	MS	Social Services Program	The Salvation Army in Greenville is seeking funding for our Social Services Program. The Salvation Army's Social Services Program provides assistance with rent and utility payments, grocery food boxes, clothing and furniture vouchers to our Family Stores, transportation and prescription assistance, personal comfort kits, assistance during the Holidays (Angel Tree), and summer camp opportunities.
United Way of West Central	Vicksburg	MS	LIVE UNITED	United Way of West Central Mississippi has made a difference in the impact areas of Education, Financial Stability, and Health for more than sixty years. Your support helps United Way keep administrative costs down and allows us to thank, recognize, educate, and train donors and volunteers, without incurring additional expenses. We ask that you consider this opportunity as it is a separate fund from our annual campaign. It allows us to invest those hard-earned campaign dollars in programs, services, grants, and initiatives that are vital in our community.
Warren Central High School	Vicksburg	MS	Vicksburg Warren College & Career Academies	The Vicksburg Warren School District believes that all education leads to employment and is committed to all its students graduating as college, career, and life prepared. Accomplishing this in the ninth largest school district in Mississippi and with a community population that faces a persistent cycle of poverty presents a challenge that requires transformational change. Vicksburg Warren College & Career Academies is a comprehensive community initiative that brings together educators, employers, and community leaders to implement a proven model for revolutionizing secondary schools. Individualized curriculum, on- and off-campus experiences, and innovative ways of developing today's teens are among the integrated approaches shaping our students into family and community leaders. This transformation will produce a skilled and job-ready workforce which, in turn, will provide job growth and an improved quality of life in the area.

Blythedale Children's Hospital	Valhalla	NY	Early Childhood Center	Blythedale's Early Childhood Center provides a specialized program to children (from birth through age five) with complicated medical needs who are inpatients and Day Hospital patients at the Blythedale Children's Hospital. More than 100 children attend Blythedale's enriching and vibrant program daily. Approximately half of these children are current inpatients at Blythedale, while the balance is comprised of children who come to Blythedale daily to participate in the program. Infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children receive highly individualized attention in the program's five classrooms through an educationally based curriculum that includes art, music, reading, free play, and massage therapy. It is the only program of its kind in the region.
Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester	Mt. Kisco	NY	Educational Enrichment	Educational enrichment has been a part of the Boys & Girls Club's programming since its inception. However, with the large increase in the Club's Hispanic immigrant population, the Club has introduced new programs to help close the gaps for students with limited English proficiency skills. The Educational Enrichment program provides disadvantaged Club members with opportunities for academic achievement, personal development, and career and life success. This program serves almost 400 at-risk youth, many of whom reside in low-income, non-English-speaking households, by providing academic enrichment programs.
Coalition For The Homeless Inc	New York	NY	Camp Homeward Bound	Camp Homeward Bound (CHB) is a summer camp program sponsored by the Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. that welcomes 300 homeless and formerly homeless children each year to our campsite in New York's scenic Harriman State Park. Our curriculum is specifically crafted to provide intellectually engaging programs for homeless children and to help them build critical life skills, achieve healthy habits, expand their imaginations, and explore the beauty of nature. We are pleased to have worked with the Entergy Charitable Foundation since 2012, and our partnership has enriched the lives of hundreds of New York's homeless girls and boys.
Easter Seals New York Inc	New York	NY	Operating and Fundraising support for children with disabilities and special needs.	Easter Seals New York (ESNY) provides preschool special education, universal prekindergarten, and after-school and before-school therapies to approximately 894 children throughout Hudson Valley and NYC at five Child Development Centers (CDC). Children receive Individualized Educational Plans and are provided the necessary special services and therapies to learn the valuable skills and general functions necessary to learn and grow. In Port Jervis and the Bronx, ESNY operates Community Outreach Programs that provide food, clothing, and household items to families in need. In addition to this, ESNY has social workers and nursing staff to ensure all families are receiving appropriate health care and supports. Parent education classes are also available for families in need, assisting with everything from proper nutrition to information on how to apply for kindergarten.



Family Service Society Of Yonkers	Yonkers	NY	Intergenerational Literacy Program	Limited literacy is a significant problem for at-risk youth, and poverty is the leading defining factor of a community at-risk. JCY-WCP's intergenerational literacy programs serve at-risk public school students, children from economically disadvantaged communities, and older adults in Westchester County, NY. Volunteer mentors from the community receive training to work with students in one-on-one and group sessions providing academic, social, and emotional skills support. Some of the key programs include SMART (Students and Mature Adults Read Together), Reading Buddies After School, and Summer Reading Buddies program. The programs utilize the skills, life knowledge, and volunteer services of the elderly in the community to provide the social and academic support needed by the most vulnerable students in the public schools.
Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson	Pleasantville	NY	It's Your Planet - Love It!: A Girl Scout Journey & Leadership Luncheon Gold Sponsorship	Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson (GSHH) seeks programmatic funding for 300 girls grades K-5 in three underserved and underrepresented elementary schools in the Peekskill, NY school district. With these above-average poverty and unemployment rates, especially amongst women, the girls in these communities need the extra resources and programming provided by GSHH to imagine what is possible in their future. Based on the Girl Scouts USA Journey series, "It's Your Planet—Love It," the proposed program will run for a 6-8 week period with weekly 30-45 minute sessions on environmental issues. In the final week of the program, girls will complete projects and take a Forever Green Pledge.
Hendrick Hudson School District	Montrose	NY	Phase 2: Building 21 Century Learning Skills Through Wrap-Around Enrichment Programs	Our students need enriching experiences to enhance learning, but there is little time available during the regular school day to provide such experiences, and traditional instructional pedagogy does not factor in such experiences and activities. In an effort to meet these challenges head on, the District underwent an audit of our STEM offerings by Westchester/Putnam BOCES in the spring of 2016. The BOCES report included the following recommendations: provide professional development for teachers specifically in the science content area; strengthen STEM opportunities for elementary students, including expanding out of school offerings; expand high school semester electives for those students who might not yet consider themselves STEM students; and make connections between other areas of district excellence and STEM. The District is seeking funding from Entergy to build enrichment programs and facilities that will promote 21st Century skills learning, focusing on Staff Development, STEM Program Development and Implementation, and STEM Facilities.
Living History Education Foundation	Buchanan	NY	Living History	The Living History Education Foundation (LHEF) conducts in-service Living History courses for New York State teachers in cooperation with the NY State Teacher Centers, as well as Staff Development for school districts. We have had 1950 participants since 2002. The grant request is to underwrite these activities and programs. Living History programs are aligned with the New York State Common Core framework.

Meals On Wheels Programs & Services Of Rockland Inc	Nanuet	NY	Home Delivered Meals Waiting List Relief Program	Our homebound meal program provides a nutritionally balanced meal delivered with care by our volunteers to the homes of those in need. A registered dietician plans meals that adhere to individual dietary requirements, which are determined through a comprehensive intake process that includes collaboration with participants' physicians. The purpose of the program is to ensure better nutrition, enhance overall health, allow seniors to maintain their self-sufficiency, and ultimately forestall premature institutionalization, thereby enabling participants to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.
New York Botanical Garden	Bronx	NY	Everett Children's Adventure Garden	New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) is redeveloping the popular Everett Children's Adventure Garden (ECAG), which will be completed in 2019. The ECAG is a 12-acre indoor/outdoor learning facility that provides informal science education and serves as a center point for outdoor, plant-based science learning. School groups are guided by trained educators and are encouraged to explore the natural world through various hands-on activities that emphasize STEM subjects and plant science. The Garden's educational programs are critical, as the Bronx, where the Garden is located, is one of the five poorest Congressional Districts in the United States. Many teachers lack the laboratory space, equipment, and classroom time to dedicate to science. NYBG addresses these needs through plant science programs in the Children's Adventure Garden for children, families, and teachers.
New York League of Conservation Voters	New York	NY	NYLCVEF Eco-Partners Program	With climate change and corporate sustainability making headlines every day, corporations are partnering with the New York League of Conservation Voters Education Fund (NYLCVEF) to demonstrate their commitment to the environment and connect with conservation-minded consumers and decision makers. Eco-Partners are corporations, businesses, partnerships, and organizations that support NYLCVEF in our efforts to educate the general public, candidates, and elected officials about environmental issues confronting New York State. Our education efforts cover a wide range of topics, while advancing an agenda that promotes both environmental conservation and economic development.
Reach Out And Read Of Greater New York Inc	New York	NY	Entergy Early Readers Initiative	Reach Out and Read of Greater New York (ROR GNY) will provide our early literacy intervention to at-risk, low-income children (birth through age five) and their families in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties in New York; train medical professionals on the standardized Reach Out and Read methodology; and provide the children we work with two developmentally-and culturally-appropriate books to take home and keep.

Sister to Sister International, Inc.	Yonkers	NY	STEAM Sistah's Soar in 2017!	The Sister to Sister International, Inc. (STSI) "STEAM Sisters Soar Project" empowers black and Latina high school girls by exposing them to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math fields. The project provides an advanced overview of math and science courses, as well as academic enrichment, including tutoring and college readiness, field trips, and soft personal development skill building, through its evidence-based, culturally-relevant STEAM Camp and Academy. The STEAM Camp is a two-week summer camp, and the Academy is year-round. Our relationships with the private sector will be key to developing the much-needed resources to effectively overcome the current barriers to STEAM among black and Latina girls in the Hudson Valley and beyond.
Yonkers Partners In Education Inc	Yonkers	NY	YPIE Fellows Program	Yonkers Partners in Education, Inc. (YPIE) works with students in Yonkers, New York State's fourth largest school district and the largest in Westchester County. Of the nearly 27,000 students in the district, many will be the first in their family to attend college. According to a 2011 Pell Institute study of post-secondary completion among students nationwide, a significantly lower percentage of low-income, first-generation students were likely to earn a bachelor's degree within six years as compared to their more affluent peers. YPIE Fellows is a six-year program from 11th grade through college graduation providing college access and persistence supports to a class of 350 students per year, with the goal of having 80% of them graduate from college within 6 years of high school. Key program components include college awareness and access services, personalized college counseling, and college transition and persistence support.
Art Museum of Southeast Texas	Beaumont	TX	Jose Arpa: A Spanish Painter in Texas	Jose Arpa y Perea (1858-1952) was an acclaimed Spanish born painter who divided his time between Texas and Spain. Organized by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, this exhibition is the first major Arpa exhibition since 1998. It is a touring exhibition that is traveling to four museums in Texas, including the Art Museum of Southeast Texas. The exhibition will encompass the entire main gallery and will include over 70 portraits, landscapes, and genre paintings. Interpretive educational programming will include an opening reception lecture by Michael R. Grauer, Curator, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum (renowned for his insightful and eloquent lectures on early Texas art history) and a Family Arts Day that will include plein air painting and at least six other Texas-themed art activities.
Boys and Girls Club of Deep East Texas	Nacogdoches	TX	Boys & Girls Club of Hardin County	Power Hour is a comprehensive homework help and tutoring program designed to raise the academic proficiency of Club members. Offered Monday-Thursday, Power Hour helps members develop academic, behavioral, and social skills through homework completion with the one-on-one attention of tutors. The program builds a foundation that encourages high school graduation, post-secondary studies, and a positive sense of the future.

Buckner Children & Family Services	Beaumont	TX	Buckner Transitional Program Assistance	The staff of Buckner Children & Family Services, in collaboration with the Texas Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS), provide TRAIL services for children who are preparing to emancipate, or "age out," of the Texas Foster Care system. These young adults have grown up in foster care; they do not have contact with their biological families, and they were not adopted. TRAIL offers emergency assistance and intensive case management for these young adults with independence goals such as college, technical school, or career readiness. The emergency assistance includes housing costs, utilities, books, dorm fees, and transportation. Buckner TRAIL program staff members are committed to serving as their support and "safety net" as they make the transition from adolescence to self-sufficient adults.
Casa of Liberty/Chambers Counties	Liberty	TX	Fostering Futures	CASA of Liberty/Chambers Counties is committed to "fostering" a better future for teens aged 13-18, engaging and equipping the foster teen by personal connection via a volunteer advocate. In the state of Texas, children "age out" of the Foster Care system at the age of 18. Compounded with the trauma of being removed from their homes by CPS and dealing with the legal system, most teens have also been moved multiple times, and too often leave foster care without basic life skills. These teens become adults unprepared for life. Fostering Futures partners foster teens with a volunteer CASA advocate who can empower them through proven training programs and individual action plans to master the necessary skills to become successful, productive members of the community.
CASA of Southeast Texas Inc	Beaumont	TX	One Week of Court Appointed Special Advocates for Foster Children	The main focus of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Southeast Texas is to advocate for abused and neglected low-income children in the pursuit of safe, permanent homes. Each child removed from his or her home is appointed a CASA volunteer advocate by the Jefferson County court. Through home visits, court reports, family meetings, court hearings, trials, doctor visits, school visits, and counseling sessions, CASA impacts the lives of Jefferson County children in foster care by finding them permanent, healthy homes, which is our ultimate goal.
Creative Corrections Education Foundation Inc	Beaumont	TX	Right Path Program - Beaumont	The mission of the Creative Correction Education Foundation, Inc. is to assist young adults in returning to school to obtain their GED and a trade certificate. We provide educational opportunities for young adults, generally between the ages of 18 and 27, who have a parent incarcerated or on parole, or any student who can prove a financial need, through the Right Path Program Beaumont. The Right Path Program Beaumont provides scholarships to both children of the incarcerated and/or paroled and any other student who can show a financial need and wants to obtain his GED or trade certificate. The Right Path Program Beaumont is a partnership with Lamar Institute of Technology to place financially challenged young adults in the Southeast Texas area at LIT so that they can receive the job training necessary to obtain gainful employment.

Edison Plaza Museum	Beaumont	TX	The Edison Museum Operating Support	These funds are needed to cover ongoing operating expenses for The Edison Museum so that it can continue to be a unique educational opportunity for the community. The community relies on this one-of-a-kind museum for free educational tours. The money covers payroll, exhibit repairs, and all educational materials as a service to the community and at-risk socioeconomically deprived children across the area. Entergy committed when the museum board was formed to support the museum using shareholder funds.
Education for Tomorrow Alliance	Conroe	TX	SCI://TECH Exposition	The SCI://TECH Exposition is a partnership with area schools designed to engage students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming. SCI://TECH offers 13 activities over four weekends where nearly 5,000 K-12 students explore and enhance their problem-solving skills. Each SCI://TECH activity offers learning beyond the classroom and teaches critical thinking skills that will enable students to thrive in any career field. Another component of SCI://TECH that challenges and engages students is that each activity involves community volunteers and businesses. There are very few programs in Montgomery County that provide the opportunity for the public to engage with school programming as with SCI://TECH. We help harness the caring power of community to provide experiential learning. This engagement can benefit both sides, and it has enhanced this community for 27 years.
Friendship Social And Civic Club	Port Arthur	TX	Back to School	This back-to-school program will allow all school age children to receive backpacks that include all school supplies per age group. We are requesting 5K from Entergy to help purchase supplies, uniforms (K-8), and backpacks for all students (K-12). Sixty-five to seventy percent of the families in the Port Arthur area are unable to purchase school supplies and uniforms for their kids each year. We want to be able to help with these items and provide scholarships to graduating seniors.
Garth House Mickey Mehaffy Childrens Advocacy	Beaumont	TX	Child Abuse Prevention Program	The Garth House Child Abuse Prevention Program engages and equips communities to better protect their children from the occurrence or impact of child abuse. Our goal is to support and educate adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to cases of child sexual exploitation. Using Darkness to Light's "Stewards of Children" (SOC) training, Garth House promotes community education by providing child sexual abuse prevention presentations to a variety of organizations and individuals. The most effective way to reduce the number of children affected by sexual abuse is to instruct the community on how to protect children, recognize abuse, and report suspicions. SOC training accomplishes these objectives in a two-hour, evidence-based, and DVD-driven class for adults. The curriculum includes video instruction by survivors of child sexual abuse, facilitator-led discussions, and an interactive workbook.

Humble Area Assistance Ministries	Humble	TX	Basic Needs -- Supplemental Rent for Montgomery County Residents	<p>According to the Houston Food Bank, 60% of hungry families in southeast Texas report that they are faced with the difficult choice of paying for food and paying for housing needs (Houston Food Bank 2014 Hunger Study). Last year, HAAM provided 789 households with rent and utility assistance. The majority of these households received (on average) \$200 in assistance from HAAM, while HUD's current Fair Market Rent limit and standard for Rent Reasonableness in our area is \$890 for a two bedroom apartment. This means that even with HAAM's help, many clients still fall extremely short and must turn to other agencies and churches for help. In some cases, HAAM is able to supplement a \$200 rent payment with funds from various grant sources, but the majority of those limited funds are restricted for use with residents of Harris County, leaving an even smaller pool of funding for those living in Montgomery County.</p> <p>To increase the amount of assistance currently offered to Montgomery County households that might not otherwise be assisted at all by the agency due to lack of resources, HAAM is requesting \$5,000 to better respond to clients requesting rent assistance.</p>
Inspire, Encourage, Achieve	Beaumont	TX	Camp Bright Star	<p>Consistent with its mission to support and inspire Southeast Texas youth who have experienced past hardships and personal challenges, IEA conducts Camp Bright Star, a six-week annual summer learning program held for six hours each day. With Entergy as its founding sponsor in 2001, the program has helped IEA promote healthy lifestyle choices and learning opportunities that pave the way to bright futures for nearly 1,000 Southeast Texas youth. Using the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Model since 2009, each day starts with a morning motivational session (Harambee) and transitions to activities associated with an integrated reading curriculum that incorporates experiential exercises, and afternoon enrichment programs (including sessions dedicated to art, music, culinary and hospitality, health and wellness, fitness, etiquette, character development and job training).</p>
Lamar Institute of Technology Foundation	Beaumont	TX	Utility Line Program	<p>Funding is requested for equipment for the Lamar Institute of Technology's Utility Line program to prepare students to work in the power line industry. Program objectives include troubleshooting outages and voltage problems.</p>
The C C I C	Shepherd	TX	8th Annual Hug-A-Tree/Kiss-A-Fish Youth Adventure	<p>This program was designed to give poverty related families a option to be able to take their families on a educational outdoors adventure that is completely free. A no worries environment is filled with educational groups, activities, and fun. Education, safety, environmental awareness. This program enhances the quality of life for struggling families who do not have the opportunities to indulge in such amazing life changing experiences. Over the past 7 years we have collaborated with many other Federal, State, and City entities to make this like no other event in the State of Texas.</p>