

Grant Descriptions

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. received **\$10,000** for the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute. Goodwill began delivering MicroEnterprise classes in Lee County in 2010 and later expanded the program to Collier County. With Collier County CDBG funding, we completed eight classes (including one class for Spanish speaking individuals) in Collier County from January 2013 to May 2015. Of the 101 participants enrolled, 66 graduated and 31 of those graduates started a new business or have been able to sustain their business.

Classic Chamber Concerts, Inc. (CCC) received **\$8,220** for the Enhancement Music Clinics for Title I Secondary School Music Programs. This will be a significant expansion of a similar pilot program that CCC has provided to the schools in prior years as well as a collaboration with ArtNaples World Fest to provide music clinics for students from low-income backgrounds.

Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Inc. received **\$14,080** for the Earth Day Festival 2016. The Conservancy's Earth Day Festival is the organization's signature community event, and celebrates the heart of our mission to protect Southwest Florida's natural resources. This day-long cornucopia of environmental education programs brings together local families, Conservancy and community volunteers, and other area non-profits in a collaborative effort to promote appreciation and protection of our water, land, wildlife and future.

Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc. (FOF) received **\$2,500** to hire a consultant for strategic development of a five million dollars capital campaign for the Boardwalk Expansion project for Big Cypress. The project is currently in phase I, the construction of the deceleration lane at the new parking site has begun and the Florida Department of Environment Protection (FDEP) will begin the construction of the new parking site in March/April. Phase II of the project consisting of but not limited to an Interpretation Pavilion, an elevated canopy walk and outdoor classroom, the creation of a trail around Green Heron lake, and the restoration of the 35 year old boardwalk is subject to FOF capacity to raise five million dollars.

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida received **\$1,000** for a technology upgrade. While we like to say we move at the speed of girl, technology costs to stay current often hinder our abilities. We have an online membership registration process, our website hosts valued resources for girls and volunteers (with more in our near future) and we need the ability to have our staff and volunteers interact with girls and families from where they are (schools, churches, community rooms, restaurants etc.). This grant will help provide staff and volunteers access to resources that can be used at recruitments, training, and orientations by helping to cover the total cost of \$1474 (iPad, projector, cellular connection, and 2 year Apple care/repair plan).

Collier Child Care Resources, Inc. received **\$15,000** to support partial tuition assistance for low-income, working families with children attending the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center.