

Subcommittee: Labor, HHS and Education, and Related Agencies				
Proposed Recipient	Full Address of Proposed Recipient	Name of Project (submissions are listed alphabetically by project name)	Amount Requested	Explanation of request including purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
Best Buddies Florida	124-A East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32801	Best Buddies Florida	\$ 250,000	This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Education. Approximately 500,000 citizens in Florida have some sort of intellectual disability. Studies show that the leading contributing factor in workplace success is the skill a person with an intellectual disability has in interpersonal communication. Best Buddies, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of those with intellectual disabilities, facilitates interpersonal communication through the pairing of those with and without intellectual disabilities into long-term one-on-one mentoring friendships. Best Buddies achieves this mission by organizing and rigorously overseeing volunteer-run chapters at middle school, high school, and college campuses. In the 4th district, there are 15 schools on Best Buddies' waiting list. Taxpayer funds will support 24 middle schools, high school, and college Best Buddies chapters in the 4th district.

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<p>Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America</p>	<p>386 Park Avenue South 17th Floor New York, NY 10016</p>	<p>CDC Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program</p>	<p>\$ 500,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Center for Disease Control's Chronic Diseases, Chronic Disease Prevention/Health Information, Inflammatory Bowel Disease program. Funding to continue the only epidemiology study on Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis in the United States.</p>
<p>Childhelp</p>	<p>15757 N. 78th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85260</p>	<p>Child Abuse Prevention Education in Northern Florida</p>	<p>\$ 250,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Education. Childhelp, in collaboration with the Monique Burr Foundation, is the only provider of child abuse education in North Florida schools. However, its Good Touch Bad Touch curriculum has not been updated in over 20 years. Videos are outdated and current materials do not address how children can protect themselves from dangers posed by the Internet. Funding would allow Childhelp and the Monique Burr Foundation to develop and implement a comprehensive update to the Good Touch Bad Touch curriculum.</p>

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<p>Florida Community College at Jacksonville</p>	<p>501 W. State Street Jacksonville, FL 32202</p>	<p>Clinical Simulation Laboratory</p>	<p>\$ 250,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. The Florida Center for Nursing estimates an 8% position vacancy rate in nurses. Even more nurses and health care workers will be needed in coming years as baby boomers retire from the workforce (the average age of a nurse is over 45) and their health care needs grow. With 12 hospitals and 30 nursing homes, the greater Jacksonville area has a particularly acute need for nurses. But nursing schools do not have the resources to train new nurses: 52% of qualified applicants were turned away in 2006. The clinical simulation laboratory will provide clinical training for 435 nursing students.</p>
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<p>University of North Florida</p>	<p>1 UNF Drive Jacksonville, FL 32224</p>	<p>Continuation: A Virtual Incubator for School Readiness Centers</p>	<p>\$ 250,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Education. Three pressing trends have focused national, state, and local public attention to improving the quality of care and learning services for young children: (a) increasing evidence from research that young children are more capable learners that current practices reflect and that high-quality early care and learning experiences can have a positive impact on school learning and future success in life; (b) increasing recognition by the business community that high-quality early childhood education programs have a high return on investment and is the single best investment for improving achievement, especially for children from low-income families; and (c) a growing recognition that high-quality early childhood education services are a critical but missing component to improving K-12 student outcomes. UNF is in its 3rd year of a 5-year study to address these needs. Specifically, the project does this by field-testing and assessing the effectiveness of an integrated set of research-based support tools to help childcare entrepreneurs/providers: (a) transform current programs into effective, high-quality early care and learning programs; (b) foster sustainable, coordinated partnerships to sustain advances and develop a model for a seamless PreK-Grade 3 Learning Continuum; and (c) increase families capacity to help their children learn and grow. Funding would continue to field-test tools and strategies needed to accelerate the quality, growth, and success rates of early care and learning programs resulting in improved readiness outcomes for the children, particularly for children living in low-income neighborhoods.</p>
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<p>Clarke Jacksonville Auditory/Oral Center</p>	<p>9857 St. Augustine Road Suite 6 Jacksonville, FL 32257</p>	<p>Equal Educational Access for Disadvantaged Deaf Children</p>	<p>\$ 250,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Education. The Clarke Jacksonville Auditory/Oral Center is the only the only certified school in North Florida dedicated to providing auditory/oral programs for deaf and hard of hearing children. The Clarke School has a 97.9% mainstreaming success rate in returning children to their neighborhood school districts. Unlike the fully state funded Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, the non-profit Clarke School has to raise its own funding. Clarke's tuition fees are too low to cover the costs of running the school because Clarke recognizes that most parents do not financially plan on having hard of hearing or deaf children. Clarke School is forced to raise \$23,500/child annually to bridge the funding gap. These appropriations funds would help ease their budget shortfall.</p>
<p>Jacksonville University</p>	<p>2800 University Boulevard North Jacksonville, FL 32211</p>	<p>Health Information Technology Initiative</p>	<p>\$ 250,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. The widespread adoption of health information technology is a national priority, but nurses and other hospital staff still lack the training to become competent in health information technologies. Funding would be used for the purchase of human simulators and the software needed to train Jacksonville University nursing students and Baptist Health Hospital staff how to use electronic medical records.</p>

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American Society of Hematology	1900 M Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20008	Hematology Research	Report Language has been requested to support the project	Encourages Myelodysplastic Syndrome research and clinical studies of sickle cell disease.
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America	386 Park Avenue South 17th Floor New York, NY 10016	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	Report Language has been requested to support the project	Encourages National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to expand its inflammatory bowel disease research portfolio and explore partnerships with the IBD community.
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America	386 Park Avenue South 17th Floor New York, NY 10016	Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases	Report Language has been requested to support the project	Encourages the Institute to increase support for genetic and clinical IBD research.

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<p>Daniel Memorial, Inc.</p>	<p>4203 Southpoint Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32216</p>	<p>Mental Health Residential Treatment Center</p>	<p>\$ 500,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. Established in 1884 as an "Orphanage and Home for the Friendless," Daniel Memorial is the oldest not-for-profit child-serving agency in Florida. Today, it is one of Northeast Florida's most comprehensive agencies, providing a range of services to more than 1,500 struggling children, adolescence and families. There have not been any major renovations at its Belfort campus in 40 years. Appropriations funds would be used to build the Mental Health Residential Treatment Center. This 7,722 square-foot facility would serve as the agency's central facility for psychiatric and medical assessments; psychiatric and mental health counseling; group therapy; and vocational, educational, recreational and other therapeutic activities. During any given 6-12 month period more than 40 children aged five to seventeen will live and receive ongoing medical and mental health services at the Center through a Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) at the Center.</p>
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<p>Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership</p>	<p>1180 Celebration Blvd., Suite 103 Celebration, FL 34747</p>	<p>Mobile Outreach Skills Training Program</p>	<p>\$ 500,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration account. Unemployment is on the rise throughout the nation, but especially in the state of Florida. Funds would go to support the Mobile Outreach Skills Training program, a jobs program targeting the disadvantaged, veterans, and TANF families by giving them new manufacturing skills. The program is a three-phase rapid training and job placement initiative in which nearly 100% of trainees who successfully complete the 2-week Phase I receive job offers from the participating manufacturers. Working with Workforce Investment Boards and One-Stop Career Centers, the current M.O.S.T. Program has also achieved an average annual salary of \$31,200 with employer sponsored health benefits; 80% of the trainees received health benefits for the first time; 85% retention rate 270 days after placement; and (e) nearly 100% of the new hires received a pay raise and a promotion after 90 days.</p>
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<p>Lake City Community College</p>	<p>149 SE College Place Lake City, FL 32025</p>	<p>Mobile Rural Nurse Training Network</p>	<p>\$ 249,818</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. The joint service districts of Lake City Community College and North Florida Community College have been designated by Florida's Governor as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern. These 11 counties (including Baker, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union) encompass 6,700 square miles and have extremely high levels of poverty (ranging from 14% to 28%, with Florida averaging 12%). Despite rising unemployment, there are numerous high wage nursing jobs in north central Florida that remain vacant due to insufficient training resources. Valuable, associate degree jobs start at more than \$20/hour, provide one of the few reliable high wage occupations in the region. Jobs like these are critical to recovery from the economic crisis for residents of north central Florida. One of the greatest barriers to registered nurse production is the scarcity of required, qualified clinical training sites. Lake City Community College will work to address workforce development demands through the creation of two mobile clinical training labs with state-of-the-art patient simulators. The Florida Board of Nursing has approved the use of patient simulators to deliver up to 25% of the required clinical training opportunities. These funds will create 2 mobile labs with patient simulators to provide clinical training to 130 nursing students to help alleviate the critical nursing shortage. These labs will be housed in out-of-use ambulances donated by Columbia County and will provide nurse trainees "hands on" experience delivering health care in real world settings.</p>
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<p>Shands HealthCare</p>	<p>720 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 360A Gainesville, FL 32601</p>	<p>Shands Jacksonville Biplane Angiography System</p>	<p>\$ 500,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account. Funds would help purchase a biplane angiography system for Shands Jacksonville, a non-profit hospital affiliated with the University of Florida that serves the North Florida community. This high resolution, digital imaging equipment with flat panel detectors enables physicians to accurately visualize clots or other vascular abnormalities (“aneurysms”). Biplane angiography systems play a vital role in patient care prior to complicated brain surgery. This leading imaging system reduces diagnostic and procedure time while helping patients avoid more invasive procedures for aneurysms, clotted arteries, stroke and spinal disease. This equipment is required for a teaching hospital to perform modern diagnostics and interventional procedures related to arteriosclerotic disease. The biplane angiography equipment is essential for the effective diagnosis and treatment of brain aneurysms. The proposed biplane system has 3-D imaging capabilities, providing the doctor with a clear image on a three dimensional plane.</p>
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<p>Tallahassee Community College</p>	<p>444 Appleyard Drive Tallahassee, FL 32304</p>	<p>STEM Education</p>	<p>\$ 200,000</p>	<p>This project is eligible for a federal grant under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Undergraduate education provides the critical link between secondary schools and a society increasingly dependent upon science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Increasing the number of students obtaining post secondary degrees in STEM fields will provide a workforce that is prepared to ensure a healthy economy, respond to national security needs, and enhance quality of life through technological advancements. Tallahassee Community College (TCC) is the national leader in graduating African Americans and other groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM professions. Over 1,100 underrepresented minorities are enrolled in TCC courses leading to STEM professions, including over 800 African Americans. TCC seeks federal funds to strengthen STEM programs by equipping new laboratories and re-engineering STEM teaching and learning program to increase student success. Enrollment in STEM classes has increased over 20% in the past 5 years, and TCC needs these labs to meet rising enrollments while remaining abreast of technological advances. Specifically, funds would be used to purchase equipment for organic chemistry, pay the salaries of science faculty members and interns, and purchase supplies.</p>
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