Applicant: St. Lucie Public Schools
PR Award #: U165A170049

School District: St. Lucie Public Schools
City, State: St. Lucie, Florida
Urbanicity: Urban

Project Title/Name: St. Lucie Public Schools Magnet School Grant Application

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Grant Award Amount: Total: $12,541,533.00 over 5 years
- Year 1: $2,669,496.00
- Year 2: $2,923,659.00
- Year 3: $2,859,385.00
- Year 4: $2,227,649.00
- Year 5: $1,861,344.00

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Project Description:

The St. Lucie Public Schools proposes to implement magnet programs at three schools. The project plan is based on research-based methods and responds directly to community needs. The project incorporates STEM and fine arts themes, with pre-collegiate programs, personalized learning, and character development.

The three schools were selected considering the need to reduce, eliminate, and prevent minority group isolation; the themes were chosen for the power to attract students. The
themes for the schools are pre-collegiate programs with a fine arts or STEM focus. Innovative educational methods will be applied through personalized learning and character development. By employing varied themes across grades, while using the same research-based strategies, the District will be creating a replicable structure for any school theme, ultimately leading to increased school choice for students and parents.

The cost of the project overall will be $12,541,533 for the five-year project. At the three schools identified for the project, there are 3,671 students currently enrolled. This is an average of $683 per student per year of the program. The proposed budget is reasonable and necessary to implement the magnet school programs. The project will be supported with in-kind contributions of professional development, leadership, transportation, and curriculum resources at the District level. The evaluation plan is effective and result in evidence of promise.

**Project Goals:**

1. Employing new, innovative learning strategies, founded in research.

2. Curating resources and implementing learning environments that support authentic, hands-on exploratory learning.

3. Providing intensive professional development, peer-to-peer teaching, coaching and modelling for teachers.