



2026 City Catalyst Grants Program Winners

This annual program, offered by the Florida League of Mayors, supports projects or initiatives that help build community and/or enhance the lives of municipal residents.

This year's recipients are:

Town of Cutler Bay

City of Niceville

City of Pinellas Park

Town of Cutler Bay

Mayor Timothy J. Meerbott

Project: Active Adults Program Services

\$2,500

This project aims to encourage adults age 60+ to maintain an active lifestyle that will keep them connected with the local community. Funding from this grant will be used to reduce social isolation and loneliness among older adults by increasing access to recreation and socialization services such as community outings, health and wellness activities, crafting, and interactive workshops. The goal of this project is to assist the town's senior citizens in aging in place while enjoying an active lifestyle that will keep them connected with the local community. The project components are to host at least one community outing per month, to provide weekly community-based recreation, and to provide educational presentations at the town's Franjo Park Community Center and other park facilities. Samples of center-based recreation include crafting, exercise, computer skills/smartphone training, photography, language (English/Spanish) classes, socialization, and educational presentations. The town's park and recreation staff will provide direct services in the form of coordinating and chaperoning community outings, and facilitating the group activities offered.

City of Niceville
Mayor Daniel L. Henkel
Project: Community Message Board
\$2,500

For several years, the City of Niceville has had one Community Message Board at the Kiwanis Park, which is located along SR 20 as you enter the city. Unfortunately, the sign is a manual message board that requires city staff to physically change the information each time there is a community event or activity. The proposed LED Community Message Board project consists of two digital signs that can be remotely changed by the Public Information Officer or IT Manager from their computer. To improve and expand community involvement, the city wants to install two LED Message Boards. One board to upgrade the existing sign at the Kiwanis Park, and the second board in front of the City Hall Campus. The two proposed digital message boards will help area non-profit organizations that use city facilities, parks, and recreation centers to promote their respective fundraising events that target their assistance to homeless, veterans, seniors and low to moderate income families that need assistance. It will also be used to promote community events and recreational activities in our Parks and Recreation Program. The two message boards will greatly improve citizen participation in public meetings and enable residents to be better informed and engaged in projects and activities that benefit the entire community.

City of Pinellas Park
Mayor Sandra L. Bradbury
Project: The Healthy Hangout
\$2,500

The Healthy Hangout is a community-based initiative designed to bridge the gap between sedentary lifestyles and active, informed wellness habits for teens aged 13-18. Recognizing that traditional, lecture-based health education frequently fails to result in sustained behavior modification, this program integrates functional, peer-supported physical activity with hands-on, budget-conscious food literacy. Operating in a structured, 90 minute weekly dynamic format (45 minutes of experiential movement followed by a 45 minute of collaborative snack lab, the program addresses the dual

challenge of youth sedentary behavior and poor metabolic health. Funding from this grant will directly operationalize the program, covering costs for fitness equipment, culinary supplies and whole fresh foods for the snack lab curriculum. The core program objectives include improving physical movement and literacy by introducing teens to diverse movement modalities that build strength and confidence, increasing food literacy by moving beyond dieting and teaching the science of fueling the body, and fostering healthy social connections that supports a peer network and reinforces healthy lifestyle choices.