

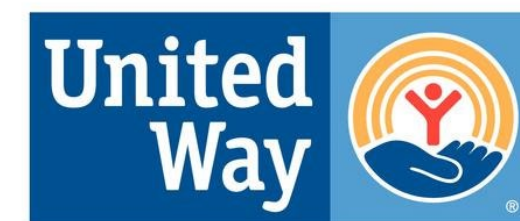


Social Innovation Fund

Generation Impact Board



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
A DIVISION OF UNITED WAY OF VOLUSIA AND FLAGLER COUNTIES



Volusia-Flagler Counties

What is the Unit

The Mission of the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties, Inc. is to increase the organized capacity of our community to care for its people.

Each year, United Way raises money through affinity groups, campaigns, donations, and more to help give people the opportunities for a better life.



Who is Generation Impact

United Way's Generation IMPACT is a philanthropy-driven group dedicated to promoting leadership and community involvement among local young professionals. Members of Generation IMPACT are tasked with allocating the United Way's annual Social Innovation Fund, which supports student-led innovative projects that address some of the most pressing challenges in our community. The mission of Generation IMPACT is to lead sustainable change by developing future community impact leaders, fostering social innovation, and promoting civic engagement in Volusia and Flagler Counties.



What is the Social Innovation

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) provides local high school, college, or vocational school students with mini grants in order to implement innovative projects that address critical challenges in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

Projects must address issues in one of the following areas:

- Education: Absenteeism, graduation rates, discipline, literacy,
- Financial Stability: Housing, income, access to good jobs, financial literacy,
- Health: diabetes, injury prevention, opioid crisis, food insecurity, healthy living, community safety,
- EDI: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Projects must work to improve the lives of ALICE families in Flagler and/or Volusia Counties.



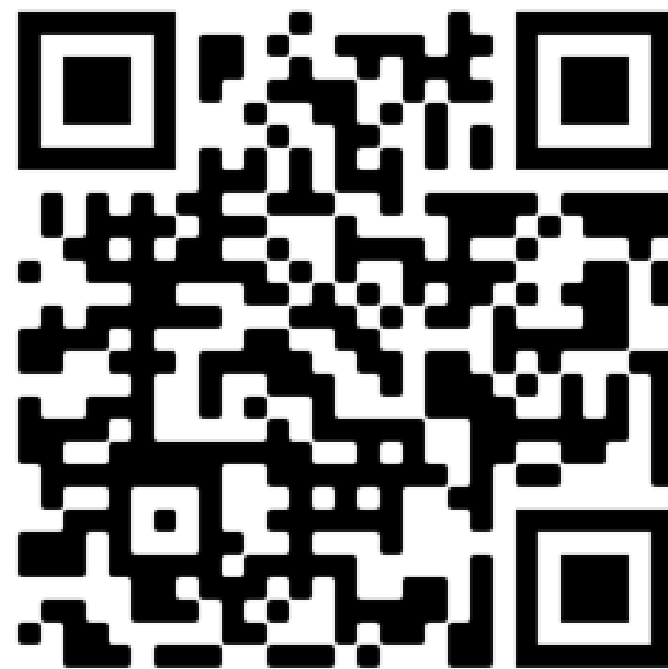
Who is ALICE?

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The ALICE Simulation

Individuals who are a part of ALICE are one emergency away from falling into poverty. Take a walk with ALICE and see if you can beat the odds.

<https://www.unitedwayvfc.org/walkinmyshoes/>



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2023 SIF Pr



Right to Nutrition

Food pantry and educational outreach targeting underserved, low income residents of West Volusia County.

Grant Amount: \$2,000



Volusia Giving Gardens

Building vegetable gardens at Hope Place and the Beacon Center. Food grown is given directly to those in transitional housing or to food pantries

Grant Amount: \$2,000



Mainland Book Club

Increased access to diverse texts for students at Mainland High School. Setup open library days during breaks and visited local elementary schools for reading days.

Grant Amount: \$1,000



2023 SIF Pr



Dressed to Impress

Creating a free closet of business attire to assist low income individuals with dressing for job interviews.

Grant Amount: \$1,000



Project Sam

Raising awareness of drug recovery programs and breaking down stigmas around drug abuse and mental illness.

Grant Amount: \$2,000



Hatter University

Opening an educational field day to provide students an opportunity to explore higher education possibilities.

Grant Amount: \$1,000



Reading in the Park

Created a free literacy event for elementary school children with free books and activities.

Grant Amount: \$1,000



Do you have a

How to Apply: (Applications Start August 2023)

1. Submit your letter of intent. Go to bit.ly/SIFapplication. This is the first screening process and is due by October 6, 2023.
2. Committee review. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full grant proposal. Groups will be assigned a mentor to assist in developing the proposal. Full proposals will be due November 15, 2023.
3. Initial Pitch Period. Selected Applicants will need to record a video of an elevator pitch for their project which will be reviewed by the board.
4. Pitch competition. Applicants will participate in a pitch competition in February of 2024. At this event, projects will be presented, and funding will be awarded.

THANK YOU



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