



Budget and Administrative Services Department Fiscal Services Division, Grants Section

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Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee

Application for Grant funding for the FY2015/2016 Budget year from 10/1/2015 to

Please complete the following information and submit to the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division Office by Thursday, February 5, 2015. All funding requests will be compiled and presented to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 (9:30 am, BCC Room 119). All departments/agencies requesting funds should have a representative present at the March 12th meeting to present their request and answer questions from the Committee. Blank copies of this Application can be found at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/BoardsCommittees/MAC/> then clicking on "Boater Improvement Fund Application Information."

Name of Organization: Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center

Principal Officer, President, Chairman etc :Dorothea Zysko , Board President and Thomas Hecker, CEO of CHEC

Address: 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

Telephone number: (941) 575-5435 Email: Thomas@checflorida.org or doris@checflorida.org

Amount of Funding Requested: \$55,250.00

Total Cost of Project: \$128,750.00

Does your organization/department receive any other funding sources: YES If yes, please list: Southwest Florida Water Management District, public and business donations, Dockage from the Punta Gorda Marina, and the Charlotte County Public School District

Project Location: Alligator Creek

Estimated Completion Date: June, 2016

Purpose of Funding Requested: The funds requested are used to provide Enviromental Education programming for all 4th grade children in Charlotte County.

If permits are required, list each required type and status. Attach all permits that have been issued to this application along with the estimated length of time to complete the project by phase and a vicinity map. No Permits are required.

Benefit to the County:

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center has been offering environmental education programming to the Charlotte County Community since our inception in 1987. **The 4th grade program alone has provided scientific based experiences to over 24,000 children and 3,700 teachers.** The Charlotte County 4th Grade environmental Field Studies program has been made possible with the strong support of the Marine Advisory committee.

The 4th grade program is designed to give students a better understanding of the water systems of Florida and an introduction to safe and courteous boating. **This year we will provide programming for 1,500 4th grade students and 60 teachers.** The goal of our outdoor water resource program is to bring an understanding and appreciation of the beauty, complexity and fragility of our local water systems to the students. The

creation of a personal connection to these environments creates environmental stewards to see that our natural systems are preserved.

At the Charlotte Harbor & Lemon Bay locations, CHEC utilizes pontoon boats. Students are directly involved in the collection and identification of native marine, estuarine, and freshwater specimens that inhabit systems. CHEC has crab traps set at specific locations to collect specimens and utilized nets to collect other specimens.

- A) Any operating costs associated with the project: Yes, see attached.
 B) Other justification: _____

Please, attach any additional supporting information or documentation you feel is pertinent or supportive for your request.

Signature of authorized individual responsible for this application, and should funding be granted, the person responsible for assurances that funds are spent as proposed.

Thomas Hecker 4-28-15

Thomas Hecker, CEO

2015/2016 4th Grade Boat Based Programs include 1,500 4th grade Student	Grant Funds Requested	Matching Funds from other sources	Total for Water Based Programs
Safe, Seaworthy operation of a 2004, 29' pontoon and a 2008 26' pontoon by part time Licensed Captains	12,500.00	12,500.00	25,000.00
Program Delivery by Naturalist Educators to 1,500 students per school year.	35,000.00	50,250.00	85,250.00
Transportation for 4 th Grade Students. 100 trips per school year.	7,000.00	10,000.00	17,000.00
Water Testing Chemicals & Supplies, Nets, Life Jackets, Collection Buckets	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
TOTAL	55,250.00	73,500.00	128,750.00

- This program is completely supported by grants and is FREE to every 4th Grade Student in Charlotte County
- 100 Boat Trips are delivered each year by our Naturalist Educators.

4th Grade Environmental Education Program for Charlotte County School Children

