Community Foundation Budget Narrative

Project: Palm Beach STEM Initiative
Recognizing the critical importance of STEM education, the School District of Palm Beach County and its philanthropic partners, including the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund, and the Quantum Foundation, invited the University of Florida to join them to help conceptualize, design, implement and evaluate a far-reaching multi-partner effort to position the school system as a national leader in the recruitment, development and retention of master teachers in STEM subject areas - teachers who will lead their students to the highest levels of academic success.

This proposal describes how the University of Florida intends to partner with the School District of Palm Beach County, its philanthropic partners, and other community stakeholders to combine UF, district, and foundation resources to develop a best-in-class STEM education system through the creation of a systematic and comprehensive approach to providing high-quality, job-embedded professional learning opportunities to educators in Palm Beach County. UF will provide tiered interventions utilizing a unique formula that provides supports to all district schools with targeted, intensive support directed to schools that serve high-needs, culturally diverse students.