

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recovery Program	A Day of Service and Love, Commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
Type of Contract	Professional Services Agreement
Project Consultant	Volunteer Action Center Of Broward County, Inc. D/B/A Hands On Broward
Funds Requested	\$75,932.00
Managing Department/School	Student Support Initiatives & Recovery (SSI&R)
Source of Additional Information	Dr. Antoine L. Hickman, Chief Officer Student Support Initiatives & Recovery Division
Project Description	<p>Approaching the two-year mark of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) tragedy, the School Board of Broward County (SBBC) is committed to provide continuing support to our students, staff, families, and communities. Following the lead of MSD High School, SBBC has adopted the idea of engaging in A Day of Service and Love across the district. This project will improve community resiliency through various school and community-based service projects. Skills-based volunteers will build awareness, engagement, and connections during times of disaster recovery; create significant reflection and service opportunities; raise visibility of mental health needs within our community; grow the network of community partners; link communities with information, resources, and opportunities for ongoing service, and encourage stronger civic engagement.</p> <p>Board approval of the Professional Services Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Volunteer Action Center Of Broward County, Inc. D/B/A Hands On Broward is being requested for consultation and technical assistance to the SBBC throughout the district, including all district schools; to provide project supplies and project toolkits designed to assist project leaders with the coordination of their volunteer service projects. The project toolkits shall include, but will not be limited to, an outline, project plans, resources, and tools for staff and students.</p> <p>Hands On Broward will encourage a stronger civil society and bring individuals closer through meaningful, responsive skills-based volunteering. Volunteers will ultimately become community models of how to build awareness, encourage engagement, and enhance connections during a time of personal tragedy or loss.</p>
Evaluation Plan	BCPS, in collaboration with Hands On Broward, will recruit 400 skills-based volunteers of varying ages to serve at least 3,000 hours throughout the 2019-2020 school year.
Research Methodology	Several studies have shown evidence that volunteers can be significant resources in helping create a supportive and welcoming environment at schools and facilitating students' behavior and performance. As positive role models and student motivators, volunteers have contributed to better school attendance, improved grades and test scores, matriculation, less misbehavior, better social skills, reduced drop out, graduation increase, and postsecondary outcomes. Recent studies also reveal that when adult volunteers are present, students see that adults take school and education seriously and respect learning. Their involvement promotes positive attitudes toward school. Extrapolating from a wide range of research, it seems safe to conclude that volunteers can be a valuable asset in enhancing a school's efforts to support learning and teaching.
Alignment with Strategic Plan	This program aligns with District Strategic Plan Goal 1: High-Quality Instruction (Connection to School) and District Strategic Plan Goal 3: Effective Communication (Community Partnerships) as student achievement and engagement increase through community involvement and volunteerism in schools.