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Student Board Have Grant Awards Available for Local Nonprofits

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (March 8, 2011) – Tampa Bay area non-profits have the opportunity to apply for \$5,000 in grant money to be awarded by Student Philanthropy Boards at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Nine boards led by six USF St. Petersburg professors have researched community needs and created corresponding grant proposals to address those needs. Each Student Philanthropy Board will award up to \$5,000.

Students' proposals, based upon their class research and discussions over the first two months of the semester, address needs from vocational training for children in foster care to supporting victims of domestic violence to redefining waste and efficiency.

“The issues the students researched are diverse, and each Student Philanthropy Board has the opportunity to have a real impact on our community,” said Charlie Justice, assistant director of leadership programs at USFSP.

The university received a Learn and Serve America grant of \$395,000, one of only 36 grants awarded nationally to engage students in service-learning projects and promote community service while enhancing student academic and civic skills. The grant supports the Student Philanthropy Boards and the Lead Learn Serve program at USFSP.

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to respond to any or all of the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Organizations will be limited to one grant award winner per semester.

Interested organizations can find the spring 2011 NOFOs at <http://www.stpete.usf.edu/studentlife/grant>

This year's topics are:

- Preventing homelessness for those aging out of foster care
- Providing vocational training for homeless
- Helping hand to female victims of domestic violence
- Educating adolescents about drug & alcohol abuse
- Resource efficiency – redefining waste
- Restoration and sustainability of coastal areas
- Supporting caregivers and infant development from ages 0-3
- Education and training for coparenting families

- Bringing joy to terminally ill children and their families
- Recreation & educational awareness (READ) at Campbell Park

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011.

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