

FCDA Non-Profit Diamond Award Application

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PROJECT TITLE	University Area Community Development Corporation Bandshell
Number of Persons Served	3500
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Federal Fund Sources	397,799.35
Total Project Cost	397799.35
Describe the partnerships/collaborations surrounding project development and implementation (150 words or less)	Organizations and partners of the University Area Community have been woven together so that those who believe in hard work and self-reliance can achieve remarkable heights. On April 22, 2015, Hillsborough County's Board of County Commissioners approved the build of the new Band Shell entertainment facility at the UACDC. UACDC's outreach team surveyed over 400 UAC residents to assess the needs of the community. The needs-assessment served as a foundation to spark conversations with community members and discover what resources they were lacking. The survey data demonstrated two specific needs that residents did not have access to. The first need was access to health and wellness. The second major community need was a safe place for youth and families to play. The UACDC takes pride in viewing challenges as opportunities. The Band Shell was completed in partnership with Hillsborough County in September of 2015.
Describe the primary project service area or client base and how it meets the needs of low-income families and neighborhoods (150 words or less)	In 2015, UACDC's outreach team surveyed over 400 UAC residents to assess the needs of the community. The needs-assessment served as a foundation to spark conversations with community members and discover what resources they were lacking. The survey data demonstrated a major need that residents did not have access to; a safe place for youth and families to play. The UACDC takes pride in viewing challenges as opportunities. It truly takes a visionary to look at an unused piece of land and decide to build a band shell for live entertainment and emerging artists. Music is a way to bring people from different back grounds together to enjoy a performance that becomes a positive shared experience for all who attend.

Describe plans and activities that are in place to continue the project and can other agencies replicate in different locations. (150 words or less)

This project serves as a model for others to learn from because it shows how an organization can build inclusive facilities that strengthen community bonds. The UACDC has been working to improve the community and now by building structures that provide necessary services, the community is starting to trust in our work. By building shared spaces, residents get to connect with people in their community. The first event that was held in band shell facility was the Caribbean Heritage Festival that took place on June 3rd, 2017. People from all cultures came to the center to learn about and enjoy the wonderful Caribbean culture. With over 200 people in attendance, this event demonstrated the success and potential these spaces can have. Whether attendees were dancing to the music, eating delicious Caribbean food, or learning about cultures at the exhibit tables- everything was connected to celebrating diversity.

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If Winner, name of person who will accept the award at the conference Luncheon

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Authorization

Contents of this application are true and has been duly authorized by the governing body of the agency named.