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UNITED WAY SUNCOAST AWARDS CAREERSOURCE TAMPA BAY \$75,000 IN FUNDING AS PART OF OVER \$5.6 MILLION ALLOCATED THROUGH THEIR NEW COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROCESS

United Way Suncoast is pleased to announce that it has awarded \$75,000 in Community Investment funding to CareerSource Tampa Bay for their Summer Job Connection Program through their new community investment process. United Way Suncoast is allocating over \$5.6 million to seventy-seven strategic community non-profit partners, funding Ninety-three programs.

TAMPA, FL – August 24th, 2020 – United Way Suncoast is pleased to announce that CareerSource Tampa Bay will receive \$75,000 in Community Investment funding for their Summer Job Connection Program. The program will provide meaningful part-time paid work experience with year-round internship opportunities, and thus a vital entry point into the local workforce, for low-income, disadvantaged, and ALICE youth. Youth ages 16 to 24 will be provided up to 8 weeks of learning-rich, subsidized work experience to obtain real-world work experiences, critical skills, independent judgment, and career exploration.

United Way Suncoast recently completed the first year of funding (FY 20) of over \$5.6 million in community investments utilizing its' new investment process. United Way met with over 400 individuals representing non-profit agencies, funders, business leaders, volunteers, and team members. These key stakeholders helped design and shape a new process to guide investments in our community, leading to greater impact and results for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Community investments were aligned to priority areas and focused on Asset Development, Early Learning, Financial Stability, Workforce Development and Youth Success across Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sarasota, Manatee and Desoto Counties.

"In the true spirit of community and collective impact, United Way Suncoast volunteers did a thorough and thoughtful review of all requests. We are proud to support many high-impact programs that will do so much good across our region. At United Way Suncoast, we never stop advocating for our community. Through our partnerships and expertise, we create bold solutions to our biggest challenges – uplifting lives and achieving equity for generations to come.", says United Way CEO Jessica Muroff.

"We are excited to be awarded the grant from the United Way Suncoast. We thank you for entrusting CSTB. We will put the monies to good use for our common goals of helping Hillsborough County residents and making the Tampa Bay area a better place to live. Giving our youth opportunities to better themselves and open the door to their future is exciting not only for those who will implement the grant but will be a boost to the youth who will receive this exciting opportunity to gain real work experiences." – John Flanagan, CEO of CareerSource Tampa Bay.

"We are proud to partner with CareerSource Tampa Bay in support of our community impact priority of Workforce Development. Our community needs this support now more than ever. We look forward to the impact these dollars will make in serving youth ages 16 to 24 in Hillsborough County", says United Way CEO Jessica Muroff.



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About CareerSource Tampa Bay

CareerSource Tampa Bay programs and initiatives are fully supported by the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture as part of awards totaling \$19,293,411. CSTB takes pride on being the place where Talent Meets Opportunity. CareerSource Tampa Bay works with businesses and candidates to leverage their training, retraining, and competitive opportunities in the workforce. Career Source Tampa Bay provided 240,269 services to 36,960 active Wagner-Peyser individuals during program year 2018-2019. CareerSource Tampa Bay, with our five career centers is the single largest source of job candidates in the region from entry-level to executive-level candidates. Businesses can access Career Source Tampa Bay's wide range of services that include recruiting, training for new and existing employees, targeted hiring events, and retention support strategies. All resources and services are provided at no cost to both businesses and job candidates. Programs funded through CareerSource Tampa Bay are equal opportunity programs with auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Persons using TTY/TTD equipment use Florida Relay Service 711. A proud partner of the American Job Center network to learn more, visit www.careersourcetampabay.com.

About United Way Suncoast

United Way Suncoast fights for the education and financial stability of every person in the community through educational programs that give children the skills to succeed, helping adults achieve long-term financial stability and activating caring individuals through volunteerism. We are proud to serve the people of DeSoto, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas and Sarasota counties by operating and funding services and programs to help create a stronger, more vibrant community.

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