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Full Legal Organization Name (Required)	Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc
Street Address (Required)	2469 Enterprise Road
City (Required)	Clearwater
State (Required)	FL
Zip Code (Required)	33763
Organization Website (URL)	https://www.ymcasuncoast.org/
Organization President / Executive Director (Required)	G. Scott Goyer
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Contact Person Title	Vice President of Buildings and Grounds

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501(c)(3)? (Required)	Yes
Registered in Florida? (Required)	Yes
Year Established (Required)	1967
Total Organization Annual Budget (Required)	\$27,477,206.00
Taxpayer / Employer ID # (Required)	59-0810731
Brief Description of Organization and It's Mission (approx. 600 characters) (Required)	The YMCA is a cause-driven charitable organization that strengthens the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Our Mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. Serving 97,000 people in Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties, the YMCA is committed to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving America's health and well-being, giving back to our community, and supporting our neighbors.
Project Name (Required)	Sunshade Replacement
Requested Program Budget (Required)	\$15,950.00
Community Need: Describe the problem or need to be addressed by this project. (Required)	The Greater Ridgecrest Branch of the YMCA of the Suncoast has been serving the community since 2001. Although the facility is located within the city limits of Largo, it is owned by Pinellas County Government and lies within the Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Area boundaries. The majority of the facility users are unincorporated Pinellas County residents, with 65-70% residing in the Greater Ridgecrest and Dansville low-and-moderate-income Revitalization Areas. This YMCA offers a full range of sports programs and activities, including a football field and stadium, which is also used by Largo For Youth's Largo Jr. Packers, a non-profit

community organization that trains youth in football and cheerleading. The existing sunscreen sail over the football stadium's spectator seats has been damaged over time due to extreme temperatures, humidity, rain, and windy conditions. The YMCA is requesting a replacement sunshade and fixtures to protect spectators from harmful UV rays and extend the life of the outdoor surfaces and fixtures.

Project Summary:
Describe how the project will be fully implemented and how it will address the need or gap in the community. Identify and describe other funding sources, if any, for this project/program. (Required)

Attending outdoor sporting events in Florida can be less than pleasant sitting in the relentless sun and blistering heat on hot bleachers. The shade structures help increase attendance, protect spectators, as well as extend the life of benches, outdoor surfaces, and fixtures. The new shade will reduce the temperature in the stands and protect spectators that spend hours at the fields on Saturdays enjoying youth football and cheerleading from harmful UV rays. Working with a locally owned and operated, licensed and insured, commercial shade structure design and fabrication business, the YMCA plans to purchase and install a beautiful and functional replacement shade. A current quote for the work is attached. The work will not interfere with any home games of the Largo Jr. Packers, and no other funding sources for this project are being sought at this time.

Program Outcomes:
Describe the time-line by which the project will be implemented including short-term and long-term results. (Required)

The timeline for the project is set to start immediately after the contract execution, with contracts secured within two weeks of funding, and all necessary permits in place, supplies ordered, and work beginning within three weeks of funding. All work will be completed within two months of funding. The long-term outcome of the project is that spectators in the stadium seating during football games and community events will be provided with shade and protected from harmful UV rays during long days at the field.

Describe how your project aligns with the County's Strategic Plan: (Required)

The Greater Ridgecrest YMCA is an oasis for the Ridgecrest neighborhoods – a rich environment for children, youth, families, adults, and seniors of all ages to be involved in activities that develop healthy lifestyles and relationships and foster a sense of community. The components of this funding request focus on replacing a worn and deteriorated sunshade and creating a space to serve the evolving needs of our community better. This allows the County to provide first-class service to the residents of Greater Ridgecrest that are often provided for in other communities, promote public health by protecting residents from harmful UV rays, and maintain equitability in a community of unincorporated Pinellas County that is underserved and economically disadvantaged.

Additional Information

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Title) (Required)** G. Scott Goyer

**Authorization
Date (Required)** 06-09-2023

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