

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PUERTO RICO	
Total Funding Requested:	\$125,000,000.00
Housing	-
Infrastructure	-
Economic Development	\$125,000,000.00

The Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico submitted a proposal requesting \$125,000,000 to fortify and expand an existing Workforce Development Center model that connects participants with job skills and job opportunities. The Workforce Development Centers will be focused on one of three areas of industry: technology, tourism, and health. Costs proposed for this project include costs for construction of new centers, renovation of existing centers, program operations, and administrative costs.

The project aims to enhance the employability or entrepreneurial skills of children and youth to enhance their opportunities and break the poverty cycle. The program is centered around five "pillars" which include:

- Academic support
- Post-secondary support, which helps students transition to college and succeed in secondary education pursuits
- Entrepreneurship – age-specific programs designed to teach children the concepts and realities of business generation and management
- Career – provision of vocational and professional experiences to participants
- Family strength – aims to provide employment opportunities and education to guardians of children in order to end the cycle of poverty, to provide case management services and therapy to improve the psychological well-being of the family unit

The proposal also outlines plans to create a policy lab which will be a center to evaluate and identify public policy that creates social and economic barriers for families and children and to implement policy reform. Boys and Girls Club provide historic evidence of the agency's capacity to manage projects and point to a proven fiscal track record.