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Dear Mr. Thompson,

The Complex Systems Innovations (CSI) team has completed the agreed upon scope of work for reviewing the 19 grant applications from not-for-profit organizations seeking financial support from the City of Oakland Park. The scoring procedure is appended to this letter as Attachment 1. Included with this letter is the scoring spreadsheet for the applicants, including scores and rankings, purchase order, and the invoice for payment. The table below summarizes the rankings. This year we awarded one point if there was any match and zero if there was not. A perfect score would be awarded 21 points.

It was noted that several applicants were unclear what an objective is or what an evaluation component or objective would consist of. This does help to create variance that is more objective as points were deducted for nonspecific responses. However, it would be helpful to applicants if it was somehow emphasized to them that the project described should be specific to the \$10,000 award to the degree possible. Applicants would often describe scopes beyond the grant award, making it difficult to determine how Oakland Park dollars are benefiting Oakland Park residents. Similarly, as in previous years, the project objectives were often organizational objectives and non-specific for how the grant dollars would be used. The six with the lowest scores did not provide sufficient detail. Two sets of two agencies scored identically and are entered in as 4.5 and 10.5 for ranking, taking the positions of rankings 4-5 and 10-11. The CSI team reviewed all materials carefully and each score was averaged across reviewers.

This year we also added whether the applying organization was within Oakland Park. We used addresses in the application and checked them between the application and the financials. One option may be to add one point to Oakland Park applicants if keeping the dollars specifically local is important enough to do so. Several organizations listed Oakland Park amongst several locations that dollars are spent. Four of the 21 agencies appear to be located in Oakland Park. For two the team had to search for the city online as this was not included in the application and was not clear in the financials.

The applications cover a wide range of valuable services, demonstrating true commitment to the citizens of Oakland Park. It was a pleasure to review the proposals. We thank you for this opportunity.

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Organization	Total Points	Ranking	Organization	Total Points	Ranking
Center of Independent Living of Broward	20.75	1	Areawide Council on Aging for Broward County	17.83	10.5
Light of the World Clinic	20.42	2	Covenant House	17.33	12
First Call for Help 2-1-1 Broward	20.25	3	Family Central	16.92	13
Feeding South Florida	19.92	4.5	Early Learning Coalition	16.67	14
National Alliance for the Mentally III	19.92	4.5	Women in Distress	16.50	15
Take Stock in Children	19.50	6	Psi-Giansanti Inc.	16.00	16
Junior Achievement of South Florida	18.83	7	Canine Assisted Therapy	15.83	17
Kids in Distress	18.50	8	Haitian American Chamber of Commerce	14.92	18
Farm Share	18.42	9	Kiwanis	14.75	19
4KIDS	17.83	10.5			

Regards,

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Attachment 1: Oakland Park Grant Application Scoring Procedure