

**2017**  
**Application Form**  
**Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc.**  
**Great American Cleanup Mini-Grant Program**

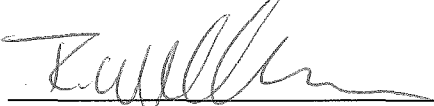
**I. PROJECT INFORMATION**

- A. Project Name: Promoting and Educating Schoolwide Recycling
- B. Project Site Name and Full Address: Boca Raton Community High School  
1501 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Ct Boca Raton, FL 33486
- C. Type of Project Proposed: Encouraging schoolwide participation/involvement in recycling
- D. Date(s) of Project Commencement/Completion By Earth Day on April 22, 2017
- E. Owner of the site: Boca Raton High School Owner permission attached: Yes  No

**II. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

- A. Lead Organization: Environmental Club
- B. Type of Organization (Local Government, non-profit, neighborhood group etc): School Club
- C. Name and Title of Contact Person/Project Manager: Rachael Wellman and Brandon Runner  
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As the project manager, I hereby certify that all parts of the application package have been read and understood, that all application requirements have been met, that all information submitted herein is true and correct and represents the desire and intent of the applicant to install and maintain the proposed project according to the plans, specifications, and costs attached herein.

Signature:  Date: 2/18/17

Brandon: 

### **Project Information Sheet**

(Attach any additional pages if necessary and/or photographs and plans, i.e. landscape plans that will help in the evaluation of the project. Please convert entire document including application, photographs and drawings to a .pdf file and email to [info@keanPBcheautiful.org](mailto:info@keanPBcheautiful.org))

#### **Summarize the project to be undertaken:**

The main goal of this project is to promote “green” environmental friendly practices such as recycling on our school campus and educate our student population about the importance of making greener choices and conserving our environment. To achieve this goal, the environmental club at our school would ensure that recycling bins are available in each classroom and teacher planning rooms. We aim to encourage involvement from both students and administration in this recycling program so that we can all drive a positive change in our environment and help contribute to a cleaner and greener ecosystem. Our ambitions are also synonymous with the ones of your organization as we believe this recycling movement can further contribute to the beautification of Palm Beach County.

#### **Describe the site as it is today and why changes are needed:**

When the environmental club at our school first took the initiative to promote recycling waste, student members took an inventory of the current paper and container recycling bins. The data has shown that approximately 36.8% of our classrooms were properly equipped with recycling receptacles. This news alarmed us, and it raised heavy concern for the accessibility of recycling containers to all people on our campus. The environmental club saw the opportunity to solve this problem by providing the remaining 63.2% of the rooms inventoried with a proper recycling bin. It was estimated that 63 recycling containers were needed to fill the remaining rooms. This large number of containers entails a high cost as a typical 6-gallon bin generally costs \$10. We have begun to make efforts towards raising funds such as selling our environmental club t-shirts; however, this covers only a small portion of our bins. We are seeking a grant so that we can achieve our goal while acting as responsible leaders for the green movement at Boca High. It is our duty and responsibility to give back to the environment, and we believe that our recycling practices combined with the financial support of KPBCB will allow us to fulfill this duty.

#### **Describe the project as envisioned when complete:**

After successfully executing this project, the positive impact can be seen on both a local and global scale. For our own school environment, students and faculty will be aware of the benefits of recycling and think twice when disposing of their waste. The newly installed recycle bins in classrooms and planning rooms will serve as a constant reminder for them to protect our environment and properly manage waste. They will be enlightened by all the benefits of recycling as this project will open their eyes to the limitless potential of converting waste into reusable material and products. Hopefully, this project will inspire them to take action and spark a sense of urgency within our student body to help conserve our environment. On a larger scale, this project can send a powerful message to others interested in protecting our environment as they can mirror our actions. Our recycling efforts can inspire people individuals to implement them in their own schools and communities. An expansion of recycling practices would ultimately help control pollution in our world as recycling more waste reduces the amount of methane that escapes into the air.

#### **Describe your work plan from the beginning of the project to completion (include dates and work to be performed):**

Through Amazon Prime, it is estimated that we would receive all recycling bins within a week of the order. We would place the order for the bins as soon as we received the grant. We plan to immediately distribute the recycle bins to ill-equipped classrooms and planning areas upon arrival. The environmental club would also develop an informative video for our weekly school news to promote Boca High's expanded recycling program and the Great American Cleanup.

### Organization Information Sheet

**Describe your organization in relation to the proposed project:**

The environmental club at our school strives to spread awareness of rising environmental problems and promote involvement in green practices and conservation movements to our school and community. We currently working on adopting South Inlet Beach Park in Boca Raton and have previously organized multiple beach and mangrove cleanups in locations such as Spanish River Park. Our efforts are always directed towards preserving our precious environment that we all share as we are constantly looking for opportunities to give back to it. We have identified the need for recycling in our school and proposed the “Promoting and Educating Schoolwide Recycling” project as promising solution. We are willing to pursue this project actively with a strong sense of determination and diligence. This project appeals to our desires to protect our fragile environment, and it is an opportunity that we would be honored to execute. A financial grant would act as a promising investment that would yield priceless returns of environmental education to our students. We hope that you would be able to fuel our recycling initiative towards reducing our ‘garbage index’ and achieving environmental sustainability on a local scale.

**Describe the partnerships (if any) with other entities that have been formed for the project and their contribution:**

The Environmental club at our school has been working closely with Boca High’s Green Team which includes administrative staff, leadership club sponsor Mrs. Feller, Mrs. Call, Dr. Wellman, and Boca High Students. Our strong partnerships with organizations such as Key Club, Leadership, and Our Planet Inc. show promising potential for this project. Together, we would use our leadership assets to help spread awareness for responsible waste management and a more sustainable future. We aim to be inclusive as we believe that a cumulative effort is far more powerful than one of an individual. We are looking to encourage involvement from other organizations down the road, so that even more people can contribute to the wellbeing of our environment.

**If applicable, describe what the organization will do to ensure the maintenance of the project for a minimum of the next 3 years:**

Boca High’s Green Team recently organized a new recycling program that involves Mrs. Call’s 5<sup>th</sup> period class, the Environmental Club, and our wonderful custodial staff. For the past few years Mrs. Call’s 5<sup>th</sup> period class has collected paper recycling every Monday afternoon. Meanwhile, teachers and custodial staff responsible for classrooms have been asked to leave the existing 6 gallon recycle bins with handles outside their doors. Classrooms that are already equipped with these easily transportable bins are participating in the new plan and it is so far been very successful. In addition, these transportable blue bins have provided a perfect resource for Boca High’s Environmental Club while they spread awareness during lunchtime Courtyard Clean Ups. Club members are using these bins to lead conversations about recycling with student groups as they eat lunch and produce waste. This has proven to be a great way to educate our student body on what can be recycled and of how to responsibly dispose waste. Students then recognize these same blue recycle bins in their classrooms and choose to use these bins more often instead of mindlessly using the trashcan. We have already started this program and it is working! Our goal is to expand the program by equipping every classroom with this bin and keep Boca High beautiful with this newfound momentum!! The teacher planning/workrooms are also in need of medium sized blue bins, which will help remind teachers and staff to lead by example. These bins will also be emptied by custodial staff on Monday mornings. We have a great relationship with Boca High’s custodians who are on board with our greener, more responsible waste disposal initiatives. We’re confident this program will continue to succeed if we can increase our resources through this grant. Thank you for your time!

Budget Information Sheet

Please indicate below how the \$1000 funds for the grant will be used. If receiving match money or in-kind services from other sources, please detail in the second chart below.

ITEM	VENDOR NAME	QUANTITY	COST
Blue Stackable Recycling Bin Container with handle - 6 gallon 22 pack	Amazon - Recycling Rules!	2 (219.78 each)	524.36
Blue stackable Recycling Bin Container with handle - 6 gallon 8 pack	Amazon - Recycling Rules!	1 (84.80 each)	84.80
Robbermaid Commercial Slim Jim Recycling Containers - 23 gallon	Amazon	11 (35.18 each)	386.98

If applicable:

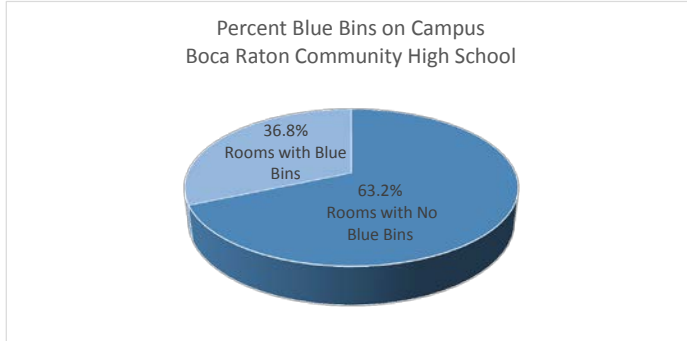
MATCH TYPE	SOURCE	VALUE

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET \$ 996.14 (+ Amazon Prime Free Shipping)

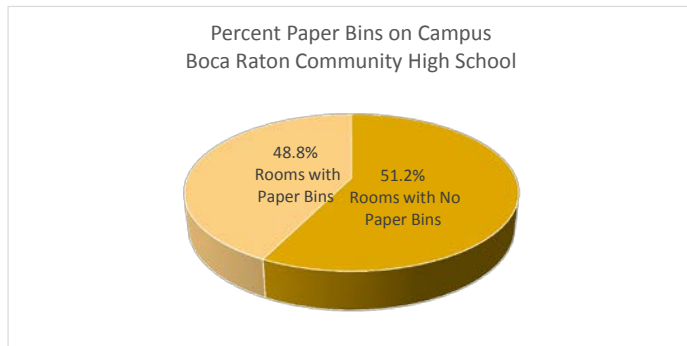
Boca Raton Community High School Recycling Inventory  
 Environmental Club 2016-2017

Building	Room	Blue	Paper
1	101		1
1	101A		
1	102		
1	103		
1	103A		1
1	104		
1	105		
1	106		
1	107	2	
1	108		
1	109	1	1
1	110		
1	111		
1	112		1
1	113		
1	114		
1	115		
1	116		1
1	117		
1	118		1
1	119		1
1	120		1
1	121		1
1	122		1
1	123		1
1	124		1
1	125		
1	126		
1	127		1
1	128	1	1
1	129		
2	101		
2	102	2	
2	103	1	
2	104		
2	105	1	

Total # of rooms			
Total # of rooms Inventoried	209	Total # of rooms occupied with Blue Bins	77
Total # of Blue Bins	96	Total # of rooms occupied with Paper Bins	102
Total # of Paper Boxes	155		
% Rooms with Blue	0.368421	36.84211	Note: 77 Rooms with bins. Some rooms had more than one
% Rooms with Paper	0.488038	48.80383	Note: 102 Rooms with bins. Some rooms had more than one



Note: Graphs show whole percentages based on total number of rooms and bins inventoried. This estimate represents the percentage of bins present (or absent) relative to the number of rooms inventoried.





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