

Agency Name: Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens		
Program Name: W.I.L.D. Program		
Department Name: Jacksonville Children's Commission		
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Type Allocation: COMPETITIVE BID		
Program Strategy: The Zoo will employ teens, provide training and mentorship, career investigations and community partner experiences.		
Summary of Program: WILD Program provides intensive training and mentoring, as well as employment, to at-risk teens through the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. The program introduces participants to wildlife, nature, and life skills while preparing them for a career. Through the program, teens will develop leadership abilities, self-discipline, responsibility, and a desire for higher education. Teens will provide educational outreaches to their communities to spread the benefits of the program to others outside the Zoo.		
Program Overall Status: Active. 20/20 teens employed in the program. Training conducted and on-going. 5 students in their second year of the program to date.		

Program Budget/Financial Status

Budget Item	Budget	Actual (cumulative)	Balance	Variance/Explanation
3,253 Units of Service	\$76,987.00	\$11,995.62	\$64,991.38	

Deliverables

A. Quantity: How much?	Current Month	YTD	Proposed
Students Served	20	21	20
Units of Service	507	507	3,253
B. Quality Effort: How well services provided?	Current Month	YTD	Proposed
Retention Rate (30 Days)	100%	100%	100%
C. Client Benefits: Is anyone better off?	Current Month	YTD	Proposed
Attendance	Data provided by third party	Data provided by third party	
School Discipline	Data provided by third party	Data provided by third party	
Promotion Rate	Data provided by third party	Data provided by third party	
1 teen selected to work on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council.			
The W.I.L.D. Program participants submitted their first formal proposal to attend and present their work at a regional environmental education conference.			
Teens represented the JZG at the 1 st Annual Cary State Park Forest Stewardship Celebration. Were invited back next year as the primary wildlife experts due to their expertise on native forest animals.			