



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE EMERALD COAST

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE EMERALD COAST AWARDED OVER \$38,000 GRANT
TO REDUCE ENERGY AND WATER COSTS**

Fort Walton Beach, FL – (December 11, 2014) – Southface, the Southeast’s nonprofit leader in promoting sustainable homes, workplaces and communities has selected Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast to receive over \$38,000 and participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Energy & Water Efficiency Program Pilot (BGCA EWEP). The Club’s participation will demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of high-impact energy and water efficiency improvements in Club facilities.

Supported by funding from The JPB Foundation, the program will provide funding to perform energy and water assessments at the Fort Walton Beach Youth Boys & Girls Club, located at 923 Denton Blvd. NW. The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce Club utility expenses by 20 percent, so those savings may be better used in support of its mission.

As part of this program Southface will also make recommendations for low/no cost strategies for reducing energy and water costs at the Fort Walton Beach Boys & Girls Youth and Teen Clubs. They will provide consult regarding expected costs and savings associated with common projects such as lighting retrofits and control calibrations, as well as recommendations for efficiency ratings for new HVAC systems, controls and insulation upgrades.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast is one of 14 organizations selected to participate across the Southeast Region of Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast

Mission: To inspire and empower all young people to achieve their full potential.

Vision: Improving lives of all Emerald Coast youth as the premier youth development organization.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast serves youth ages 5 to 18 by providing guidance-oriented character development programs conducted by trained, youth development professionals. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast encompasses 9 Clubs and serves over 1,950 youth across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties. For more information call 850-862-1616 and visit online at www.EmeraldCoastBGC.org.

About Southface

Southface is the Southeast's nonprofit leader in the promotion of sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. Learn more at www.southface.org.