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By Kristy Goldwire at 3:45 pm, Jul 17, 2023

Good afternoon,

Please find this letter as a formal written protest for The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center in regards to the denial of funding for our Afterschool program in the last funding cycle.

The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center submitted our proposal for \$157,034.00 to continue to provide quality afterschool services to sixty to seventy young people and their families. The proposal was well written and thought-out on how we can provide much-needed assistance to young people that are struggling to gain their academic footing.

We would like to base our appeal on the following areas:

- A. One reason for our denial was missing documentation in the form of our latest 990 form which is attached and meets the required documents standards. Based on that document the RFP wasn't passed on for consideration.
- B. The Goal of The Children's Trust during this funding period was to create an opportunity to expand funding to support the rural Afterschool programs. Prior to the RFP there was six programs and those six programs only received funding. As a result, there was no expansion of programs at all. The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center would have expanded the number of rural programs funded by The Children's Trust from one to two.

The Executive Director of The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center has reviewed section three of the submission checklist and has provided all the requested documentation to include the attachments and the IRS form 990.

The impact of The Center not receiving the request of \$157,034.00 will be tremendous. We would once again need to rely on volunteers and reduce the number of young people served. The result would detrimental to the Micanopy area and limit access to afterschool programs.

I would ask that you kindly review our appeal. And please allow our proposal to be reconsidered for funding.

Thank you


Bishop Christopher C. Stokes
Executive Director



Town of Micanopy

Our Community Partners



Senator Keith Perry
District 8