



CHILDREN'S TRUST
OF ALACHUA COUNTY

July 28, 2023

Bishop Christopher Stokes
Executive Director
WM Stokes Community Center
355 NW 6th Avenue
Micanopy, FL 32667

RE: Protest of Award for RFP 2023-01; Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Dear Bishop Stokes:

I reviewed your protest and request for reconsideration. Through review and scoring of the application, I determined that the Willie Mae Stokes Center should be considered for funding by the Children's Trust Board of Directors.

- The applicant has years of experience working with children in afterschool and summer programming combined over 30 years of staff experience working with youth and their families.
- Applicant will serve rural area youth and offer programming 5 days a week.
- Applicant has community support and relationships with partners throughout the county.

I will request the Children's Trust Board approve funding the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center as an Afterschool Program for fiscal year 2023-2024, not to exceed of \$157,034. The meeting will be held on August 14, 2023, at the Trust offices.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact me at 352-374-1830 or via email at mkiner@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us.

Sincerely,


Marsha Kiner, MS, CAE
Executive Director