

To Whom It May Concern:

Lake City Black Chamber is a local organization connected to the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Programs offered by the Lake City Black Chamber are unique because it focuses on a specific group of people who lack soft skills, financial literacy, business etiquette, leadership skills, mentorship, proper business networking and communication skills, customer service training, managerial duties and skills, generational wealth building education, Trust and Will Knowledge, and the importance of life insurance to name a few. Lake City Black Chamber believes funds that are being requested would help to sharpen up and create more black entrepreneurs in the community, which in turn will help the community become more self-sufficient.

All studies and statistical data show the need for black business owners to learn the above mentioned skills and to have an organization to teach and represent them on skills, access to capital, business concepts, business opportunities, and business plans. Lake City Black Chamber of Commerce is requesting \$30,000,00 (thirty thousand dollars) to get financial disadvantaged programs up and running.

The Lake City Black Chamber of Commerce truly feels this is an investment on the potential positive affects it can have now and on future generations. Lake City Black Chamber asks that this email be accepted as formal request for funding in the amount mentioned above. Thanks!