



Strengthening Community Through Partnership

Community Resource Center
Update

Grant Evolvement

- Original grant application was submitted in December 2021 for Community-Wide Broadband
- In October 2023, we requested an amendment for a Community Resource Center





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Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

- ♦ *Educational Programs*
- ♦ *Youth Development Programs*
- ♦ *Family Programs & Community Resources*
- ♦ *Employment Services*

A Collaborative Vision

- The Town of Micanopy is investing in community infrastructure.
- WMSCC will lease and operate the facility long-term.
- Focus on youth programs, job training, wellness, and cultural activities.
- Partnership promotes sustainable, locally-led programming.



Empowering the Micanopy Community

- Safe, inclusive space for residents of all ages
- Programs include job readiness, afterschool tutoring, and community events
- Cultural enrichment and civic engagement activities
- Enhances quality of life and community pride



Where are we in the process



- ◆ Land was acquired on May 5, 2026
- ◆ Hoffman Construction was selected as the building contractor

Pictured are future sites of the Micanopy Branch Library and Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Where are we in the process

- ◆ The foundation was poured on May 26, 2026
- ◆ Walls and trusses will be set within the next few weeks



Where are we in the process

- ♦ Working with Commerce on a final extension to ensure completion within the grant deadline
- ♦ Developing an agreement with the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center



What does that look like?

Hearing the commission and community feedback, the agreement will:

- ◆ Comply with CDBG requirements
 - ◆ Protect taxpayer investment
- ◆ Long-term sustainability of the facility

Questions?

