

Dear Katie Campbell Simons,

Women Encouraging Empowerment Inc. presents this letter to voice our interest to the Burgess Urban Fund grant for support to our new grassroots organizing campaign designed to politicize and raise awareness in our migrant community. WEE Inc. is a non profit organization designed to educate, advocate, protect and advance the rights of immigrants, refugees, low-income women and their families through organizing, leadership development and service delivery. Women Encouraging Empowerment believes that only through political education can we engage members of the community in identifying shared concerns and set goals for social change.

Your noble support would make a difference in developing new leaders in our vast immigrant community who face daily discrimination, racial profiling, and are completely unrepresented and silenced in a white dominated city. Our organizing goal is to enhance community involvement by increasing our membership and having three new community leaders help bring awareness and achieve a more welcoming and immigrant friendly environment.

We estimate the program to begin on June 7, 2015 and last until the end of December 2016. Women Encouraging Empowerment will be collaborating with local and national forces, such as the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, Black and Pink, The First Congregational Church of Revere, and The Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice, to name a few. Our plan, is to present bi weekly workshops to our members that address essential social justice topics like knowing your housing rights regardless of your immigrant status, internalized racism and the creation of illegal immigration, the school to prison pipeline and being knowledgeable on how to act when

stopped by law enforcement with and without immigration status. We expect our migrant leaders to communicate this knowledge with other migrant residents and feel personally passionate to create change in the community. Women Encouraging Empowerment would lead a spring and fall campaign in 2016, after workshops and leadership positions have been assigned to our new members, addressing the two social justice topics chosen and led by our new members that are of vital urgency.

We believe that after completing a series of social justice workshops over a period of 4 months would the migrant members of our community be able to articulate both the immediate and root causes of the social problems they face in their daily lives. Through social education and empowerment in leadership positions in the ranks of city interpreters, board members of Women Encouraging Empowerment and or active participants of the Office of New Revere Residents, will migrant leaders become aware of the needs of the immigrant community and will be able to express and demand their urgency to public officials. Social justice education will be the key to create change in our community and put an end to the unequal relationships and social patterns that underlie the issues that are putting a strain in our lives.

We will be honored to submit a full proposal with additional information for further review.

In solidarity,