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Urban League

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Tri-County Urban League
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Ms. Latrina Leary
Township Supervisor
427 W. Main St.
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Dear Ms. Leary,

I want to thank you for the opportunity provided to receive funds you've allocated to support programming here at the Tri-County Urban League. A particular program that we have put in place, awarded by the state, is a Violence Prevention Program we've deemed the TSTM Gaming Club. This program is designed to appeal to our youth in ways that will afford them opportunities to positively spend their time doing things they love, gaming. The program is backed by the gaming curriculum "Gaming Concepts". This curriculum will be used to develop youth gaming knowledge in the areas of life, college, and career opportunities. Youth will glean understanding of benefits that gaming could afford them regarding career opportunities. Other program components include workforce training using the National Urban League training curriculum: "Urban Youth Empowerment Program". Using this curriculum, youth will participate in a three-week job skills training, to improve their knowledge and understanding about workforce readiness. This training is a TSTM Gaming Club program criteria. All youth participating in the gaming club must attend the workforce training encompassing 12-workshops, to which point they must complete 10 of the 12 trainings to remain in the gaming club. Upon completion of the job skills training, their case manager will schedule them for 2-Mock Interviews, preparing them for job interviews that will be afforded to them during week four, upon entering the program. An open job fair, including on the spot job interviews will be offered to the TSTM Gaming Club participants during week 6 upon entry into the program.

We are looking to provide onsite internship opportunities of job training program successors ages 14-16 (the targeted at-risk age group). These interns will be assigned throughout the agency for job shadowing opportunities during the summer months beginning in Mid-May, and ending Mid-August.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to write you regarding activities we are doing here at Tri-County Urban League, and your willingness to support.

Donna Bell


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