

January 14, 2021

Dear Simpson County Board Members,

I'm writing to you today requesting your approval to move forward into the next phase of submitting two United Way of Southern KY grants. The Letter of Intent for each program submitted received invitations to submit the full application. Below are the programs included in the grants.

Culinary Arts Program- Franklin Simpson High School- \$5,000.00

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Catering Cats stopped offering their catering services. The revenue loss places hardship on the culinary program in meeting the demands for classroom supplies. In addition, teaching virtually brings new challenges to sending class materials and supplies home to students. United Way was kind enough to award the culinary program \$6,000.00 through an informal process for 2020-2021. It is my hope with the award of this grant submission the culinary class will continue to have the supplies necessary to teach culinary skills to all students whether in the classroom or virtually.

Construction program- Franklin Simpson High School- \$3,500.00

The funds would seed an ongoing construction project. The project will consist of building 2-3 sheds a school year. The goal is to sell the sheds to community members for a price that will generate a profit in order to sustain the project financially. The profit would purchase the materials to build the next round of sheds. Students will learn how to design the plans for the building; create a budget; purchase materials; and construct the shed. All skills necessary in reaching success in the construction industry.

The applications are due March 11, 2020. Once the applications are completed it will fall between board meetings. It is my intention to give the board the opportunity to approve/not approve the grant submission before proceeding. If you have questions or need additional information please call Robin Hollingsworth, 270-223-8092 or email robin.hollingsworth@simpson.kyschools.us.

Sincerely,



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