

Hello JCPC Board:

The Nehemiah Center would like to request \$20,000 (state funds) of tentative additional funding available. Funds are needed for capacity building. The following operational improvement and technology upgrades will strengthen our organization and help us better fulfill its mission.

This additional funding would benefit our STEM and academic enrichment component by allowing us to add two additional academic coordinators to our program. This will allow us to break up age groups and grade levels more efficiently. We currently have only one coordinator who works on the elementary school level. With the amount of youth we had this summer, it was quite overwhelming providing elementary through H.S. enrichment. We would like to hire (1 - Part-time) middle school coordinator at \$5,000 and (1 - Part-time) high school coordinator at \$5,000. This separation will position us to effectively provide assessments and the supplemental tutoring needed for a participant's grade level.

We are also in dire need of 25 laptops/Ipads ($\$400 \times 25 = \$10,000$) so that students will have adequate access to online tutoring and coding capability. Currently, we have 5 laptops that students have to share or take turns using. We also have 10 PCs which are not mobile. Children are currently preparing for the upcoming FIRST robotics competition. Additional funding will allow students to program and code their robots much quicker. Also, this technology upgrade will be highly beneficial for all age groups and grade levels to access simultaneously. Eliminating the need of waiting to take turns or assigning alternate days for each grade level to use laptops. This will allow us to have 10 laptops for each school level (elementary, middle school and high school).

The above will impact and improve our program by enhancing our overall operation. Additional funding will give us the resources needed in making our lab more efficient and up to date. Coupled with our mission as we expand and grow to develop more technically savvy young adults. Our 30% match will be in-kind via high school students earning their community service hours and local college students who come to tutor youth and teens.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need more information at 336-253-5078.

Have a great day,

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