

August 21, 2003

Hayes Dent, Executive Director
Delta Regional Authority
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400
Clarksdale, Mississippi 38614

Dear Hayes:

Please accept this letter as our official request that the Hinds Street Baptist Church GED Program application for \$440,750 from Mississippi's remaining 2001/2002 allocation be submitted for a vote by the Board of the Delta Regional Authority. As you know, this project application was originally submitted by Bennie Ruth Parks of Hinds Street Baptist Church during the 2002 grant process. Due to concerns voiced by the Federal Co-Chairman and the hesitation of your staff to submit this project to the Board, this application has never received final consideration by the Board. As you are aware, the Governor has supported this project since the time of its original submission.

The vote on this project may be taken in the manner that you deem to be most appropriate. However, we do request that you initiate this process immediately and complete the voting in the near future. Please be sure and provide the alternates with copies of all information relevant to this project (including a copy of this letter) prior to scheduling a vote. Also, please provide alternates with contact information for Ms. Parks should they have any questions regarding her application. Our office will be happy to answer questions regarding this project as well.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Armerita Tell, Director
Office of Citizen and Community Services

cc: Congressman Bennie Thompson
Ms. Bennie Ruth Parks