



Description of Nature of Partnership

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Community Connectors program throughout the state, applicants are required to partner with education stakeholders from the faith, business, and nonprofit communities. Each applicant must identify its partners and include description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities in question 12 of the grant application.

A partner agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Community Connectors grant application. However, in partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement.

Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

- 1) Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Community Connectors grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Community Connectors program.
- 2) Maintain a familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
- 3) Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
- 4) Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
- 5) Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

Lead Applicant
 Name: Patricia J. DeMonte
 Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Tiffin-Seneca United Way
 Sign: Patricia J. DeMonte

Partner
 Name: Jacob Clolinger
 Title: Administrator
 Organization: Franciscan Earth Literacy Center
 Sign: Jacob Clolinger

Partner
 Name: Andrew Sprang
 Title: SUPERINTENDENT
 Organization: Fostoria City Schools
 Sign: Andrew Sprang

Partner
 Name: Dona Kaufman
 Title: Director
 Organization: Bridges Community Academy
 Sign: Dona Kaufman



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Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Brenda Luhring

Title: Superintendent

Organization: North Central Academy

Sign: Brenda Luhring

Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Dr. Jim Lahoski

Title: Superintendent

Organization: North Central Ohio ESC

Sign: Jim Lahoski



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Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Randy Joseph

Title: COO

Organization: Luminate Technologies Inc.

Sign: Randy Joseph

Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Sharon George

Title: EXECUTIVE Director

Organization: Seneca Co. Family & Children First Council

Sign: Sharon George



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Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: John Davoli

Title: Director

Organization: NCORCOG

Sign: John Davoli

Additional Partner (Optional)

Name: Jill Gosche

Title: Board President

Organization: Seneca Mentoring Youth Links

Sign: Jill Gosche



Community Connectors GRANT ASSURANCES

The parties referred to in this document are the Ohio Department of Education, herein referred to as "THE DEPARTMENT," and the applicant, herein referred to as the "GRANTEE," and any partnering entity who is not the lead applicant, herein referred to as the "CO-APPLICANT." THE DEPARTMENT may make funds available to the GRANTEE for programs operated by the GRANTEE in accordance with requirements and regulations applicable to such programs. Consistent with state laws and regulations, the GRANTEE assures, if awarded a grant:

1. That the GRANTEE will accept funds in accordance with applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications, and administer the programs in compliance with the United States and Ohio Constitutions, all provisions of such statutes, regulations, applications, policies and amendments thereto.
2. That the control of funds provided to the GRANTEE under the Community Connectors and title to property acquired with those funds will be in a designated eligible recipient and that a designated eligible recipient will administer those funds and property.
3. That the GRANTEE has the necessary legal authority to apply for and receive the proposed grant and enter into the contract.
4. That the GRANTEE will keep and maintain the required financial and compliance records in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 117.11, utilizing generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) unless the GRANTEE has requested and received a waiver from the DEPARTMENT as to the method of accounting practices.
5. That the GRANTEE will make reports to THE DEPARTMENT as required or requested, and that may reasonably be necessary to enable THE DEPARTMENT to perform its duties. The reports shall be completed and submitted in accordance with the standards and procedures designated by THE DEPARTMENT and shall be supported by appropriate documentation.
6. That the GRANTEE will maintain records, and provide access to those records as THE DEPARTMENT and authorized representatives in the conduct of audits authorized by state statute. This cooperation includes access without unreasonable restrictions to its records and personnel for the purpose of obtaining relevant information.
7. That the GRANTEE will provide reasonable opportunities for participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations and individuals in the planning for and operation of the program, as may be necessary according to state law.
8. That any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to the Community Connectors will be made readily available to parents and to other members of the general public.

9. That no person shall, on the ground of race, color, religious affiliation, national origin, handicap or sex be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the GRANTEE receives state financial assistance.
10. That the GRANTEE may not use its state funding to pay for any of the following:
 - A. Religious worship, instruction or proselytization.
 - B. The salary or compensation of any employee of the GRANTEE or any CO-APPLICANT, whose duties or responsibilities include the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein. Salary or compensation of an employee paid directly by a faith-based entity or house of worship is permitted to be utilized as an applicant's in-kind contribution to draw down state matching funds, and is not otherwise prohibited by this section.
 - B. Equipment or supplies to be used for any of the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein.
 - C. Construction, remodeling, repair, operation or maintenance of any facility or part of a facility to be used for any of the activities specified in paragraph 10A, herein.
11. That the GRANTEE shall continue its coordination with THE DEPARTMENT during the length of the grant period.
12. The GRANTEE shall cooperate in any evaluation by THE DEPARTMENT.
13. That the GRANTEE will comply with all relevant laws relating to privacy and protection of individual rights including 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).
14. That the GRANTEE will comply with any applicable federal, state and local health or safety requirements that apply to the facilities used for a project.
15. That it shall maintain records for five years following completion of the activities for which the GRANTEE uses the state funding and which show:
 - A. The amount of funds under the grant.
 - B. How the GRANTEE uses the funds.
 - C. The total cost of the project.
 - D. The share of that total cost provided from other sources.
16. That in the event of a sustained audit exception, and upon demand of THE DEPARTMENT, the GRANTEE shall immediately reimburse THE DEPARTMENT for that portion of the audit exception attributable under the audit to the GRANTEE. The GRANTEE agrees to hold THE DEPARTMENT harmless for any audit exception arising from the GRANTEE's failure to comply with applicable regulations.
17. That the GRANTEE is aware all state funds granted to it are conditioned upon the availability and appropriation of such funds by the Ohio General Assembly. These funds are subject to reduction or elimination by the Ohio General Assembly at any time, even following award and disbursement of funds. Except as otherwise provided by law, the GRANTEE shall hold THE DEPARTMENT harmless for any reduction or elimination of state funds granted to it. In the event of non-appropriation or reduction of appropriation and notice, the GRANTEE shall immediately cease further expenditures under the Community Connectors.
18. The GRANTEE will adopt and use the proper methods of administering the grant and any sub grants, including, but not limited to:

- A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law.
 - B. The correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through program audits, monitoring or evaluation.
 - C. The adoption of written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of such programs.
19. The GRANTEE, by submission of a grant proposal, agrees that THE DEPARTMENT has the authority to take administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension of cash payments for the project, suspension of program operations and/or, termination of project operations, as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and assurances for any project. The GRANTEE acknowledges this authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.07 (C), as applicable.
 20. . In the purchase of equipment and supplies, the GRANTEE will comply with state ethics laws and Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.42.
 21. That the GRANTEE will have effective financial management systems, which includes, but is not limited to, the ability to report financial data verifying compliance with program regulations and maintaining effective internal control over the operations of the approved grant.
 22. That the GRANTEE will obligate funds within the approved project period as set forth in the approved application and will liquidate said obligations not later than 90 days after the end of the project period for the grant.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the GRANTEE by THE DEPARTMENT, including installment payments, after such date on account of applications for financial assistance which were approved before such date. The GRANTEE recognizes and agrees that such financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the State of Ohio shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the GRANTEE, its successors, transferees and assigns. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the GRANTEE.

GRANTEE

Patricia J. DeMonte 3/5/15
 Authorized Representative Date

Tina Peyton 3/5/15
 Fiscal Representative Date

Patricia J. DeMonte
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TINA PEYTON
 Printed

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

**P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201**

Date: November 19, 2002

Tiffin Seneca United Way Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Tiffin, OH 44883-0368 682

Person to Contact:

Yvette Davis 31-07751
Customer Service Representative

Toll Free Telephone Number:

8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500

Fax Number:

513-263-3756

Federal Identification Number:

34-6401399

Accounting Period Ends:

January 31

Dear Madam:

This is in response to your request for a letter affirming your organization's exempt status.

In February 1954, we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax under section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 (now section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). That determination letter is still in effect.

We classified your organization as a publicly supported organization, and not a private foundation, because it is described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code. This classification was based on the assumption that your organization's operations would continue as stated in the application. If your organization's purposes, character, method of operations, or sources of support have changed, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on the organization's exempt status and foundation status.

Your organization is required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if its gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the organization's annual accounting period. The law imposes a penalty of \$20 a day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

As of January 1, 1984, your organization is liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more the organization pays to each of its employees during a calendar year. There is no liability for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, these organizations are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Tiffin Seneca United Way Inc.
34-6401399

Donors may deduct contributions to your organization as provided in section 170 of the Code.

Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to your organization or for its use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

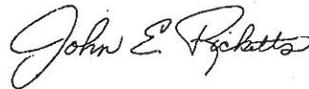
Your organization is not required to file federal income tax returns unless it is subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If your organization is subject to this tax, it must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter, we are not determining whether any of your organization's present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

The law requires you to make your organization's annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. If your organization had a copy of its application for recognition of exemption on July 15, 1987, it is also required to make available for public inspection a copy of the exemption application, any supporting documents and the exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your organization's exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it with the permanent records of the organization.

If you have questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



John E. Ricketts, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services

Tiffin-Seneca
United Way
P.O. Box 368
201 S. Washington St.
Tiffin, Ohio 44883



(419) 448-0355 Phone
(419) 448-0709 FAX

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE TIFFIN-SENECA UNITED WAY,
INC. AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN AN APPLICATION
FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT
THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Tiffin-Seneca United Way ("TSUW") has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as the Lead Agency for a Community Connectors Grant (the "Grant") through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the TSUW believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the TSUW of Tiffin, Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is in the best interests of the Community Connectors Grant for it, to authorize and approve the TSUW to act as the Lead Agency for the application for the Grant.

Section 2. The TSUW hereby authorizes and approves the United Way to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for the TSUW to join the Grant.

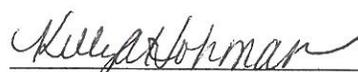
Section 3. The TSUW hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (Director) of the TSUW to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that "Nature of Partnership Agreement".

Section 4. This TSUW finds and determines that all formal actions of this TSUW and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this TSUW or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

March 2, 2015



Executive Director, TSUW



Vice President, TSUW

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FOSTORIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Fostoria City Schools ("**FCS**") Board of Education has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with other local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the "Grant") through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the FCS believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the FCS Board of Fostoria, Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is in the best interests of the FCS Board of Education to authorize and approve FCS to join the application for the Grant.

Section 2. The FCS Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the board to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for FCS Board of Education to join the Grant.

Section 3. The FCS Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (superintendent) of FCS to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing the "Nature of Partnership Agreement".

Section 4. This FCS Board of Education finds and determines that all formal actions of this FCS Board of Education and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this FCS Board of Education or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

PASSED ON: February 17, 2015


Norm Elchert, Treasurer


Dr. Thomas Guernsey, President

Dona Kaufman and Susan Marshall, Administration

Recommend the BCA Governing Authority to allow BCA's to join the application for the Community Connectors Grant.

Bridges Community Academy's (BCA) Board of Education approves that BCA should collaboratively partner with other local school districts and other government agencies in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the "Grant") through the state of Ohio.

Dona Kaufman
2-18-15

RESOLUTION NO. NCO-15-14

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CENTRAL OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center (“NCOESC”) Board of Governors has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with other local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the “Grant”) through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the NCOESC believes that it is in its best interest to join the application and be the fiscal agent for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the NCOESC Board of Governors for the NCOESC of Tiffin, Ohio, that:

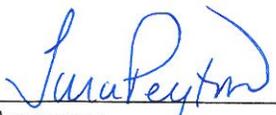
Section 1. It is in the best interests of the NCOESC Board of Governors for NCOESC for it, to authorize and approve the NCOESC to join the application and become fiscal agent for the Grant.

Section 2. The NCOESC Board of Governors hereby authorizes and approves the board to join the application and become fiscal agent for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for NCOESC Board of Governors to join the Grant.

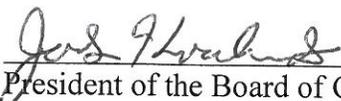
Section 3. The NCOESC Board of Governors hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (superintendent) of the NCOESC to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that “Nature of Partnership Agreement”.

Section 4. This NCOESC Board of Governors finds and determines that all formal actions of this NCOESC Board of Governors and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this NCOESC Board of Governors or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

PASSED ON: February 24, 2015



Treasurer



President of the Board of Governors

RESOLUTION NO. NCA-15-8

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CENTRAL ACADEMY, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the North Central Academy (“NCA”) Board of Education has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with other local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the “Grant”) through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the NCA believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the NCA Board of Education for the NCA of Tiffin, Ohio, that:

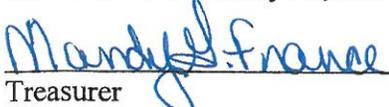
Section 1. It is in the best interests of the NCA Board of Education for NCA for it, to authorize and approve the NCA to join the application for the Grant.

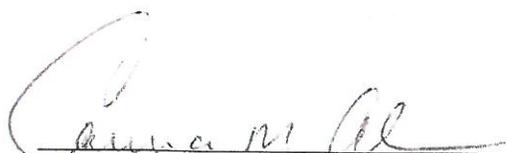
Section 2. The NCA Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the board to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for NCA Board of Education to join the Grant.

Section 3. The NCA Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (superintendent) of the NCA to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that “Nature of Partnership Agreement”.

Section 4. This NCA Board of Education finds and determines that all formal actions of this NCA Board of Education and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this NCA Board of Education or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

PASSED ON: January 21, 2015


Treasurer


President of the board of education

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SENECA COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the Family & Children First Council (“FCFC”) has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the “Grant”) through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the FCFC believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the FCFC for the FCFC of Tiffin, Ohio, that:

Section 1. It is in the best interests of the FCFC for it, to authorize and approve the FCFC to join the application for the Grant.

Section 2. The FCFC hereby authorizes and approves the Council to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for the FCFC to join the Grant.

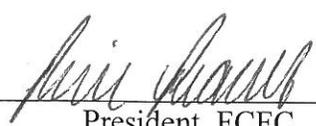
Section 3. The FCFC hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (Director) of the FCFC to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that “Nature of Partnership Agreement”.

Section 4. This FCFC finds and determines that all formal actions of this FCFC and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this FCFC or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

PASSED ON: February 19, 2015



Director, FCFC



President, FCFC

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
SENECA MENTORING YOUTH LINKS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH
THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the SMYL board has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with other local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the "Grant") through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, SMYL believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the SMYL board that:

Section 1. It is in the best interest of the SMYL board for it to authorize and approve SMYL to join the application for the Grant.

Section 2. The SMYL board authorizes and approves the board to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for the SMYL board to join the Grant.

Section 3. The SMYL board hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer of SMYL to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that "Nature of Partnership Agreement."

Passed by the SMYL board on February 12, 2015.

Jill Gosche, board president

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Gosche", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

RESOLUTION NO. NCORcog 15-01

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, TO PARTICIPATE IN AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, the North Central Regional Council of Governments (“NCORcog”) Board of Directors has expressed an interest in collaboratively partnering with other local school districts and other government entities in order to participate as a partner for a Community Connectors Grant (the “Grant”) through the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, the NCORcog believes that it is in its best interest to join the application for the Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of NCORcog for NCORcog of Tiffin, Ohio, that:

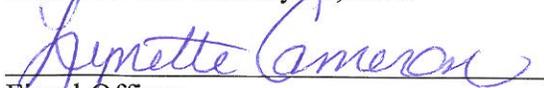
Section 1. It is in the best interests of the Board of NCORcog for NCORcog for it, to authorize and approve the NCORcog to join the application for the Grant.

Section 2. The Board of NCORcog hereby authorizes and approves the board to join the application for the Grant and hereby promises to provide the resources necessary for the Board of NCORcog to join the Grant.

Section 3. The Board of NCORcog hereby authorizes and approves a certified officer (Chair) of the NCORcog to join the Grant as a partner and an applicant by executing that “Nature of Partnership Agreement”.

Section 4. This Board of NCORcog finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board of NCORcog and any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution, and that all deliberations of this Board of NCORcog or any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, occurred in meetings open to the public in compliance with the laws of the State.

PASSED ON: January 21, 2015



Fiscal Officer



Chair

Child Support Enforcement

Financial Assistance

Social Services

Workforce Development

01/15/15

To whom it may concern:

As the Administrator for Seneca County Children Services I have directly observed the needs of at risk youth in our population and can say there were no commensurable resources in our community for at risk youth. This letter is in support of SMYL which has been a great resource in our community providing at risk youth with positive supports through mentoring. SMYL has successfully coordinated with multiple partners in our community, including this agency, to provided mentors for many at risk youth. Without SMYL this community would again be without a mentoring resource. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Sell

Children Service Program Administrator

JUDGE JAY A. MEYER
SENECA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
Juvenile Division – Probate Division
108 Jefferson Street
Tiffin, Ohio 44883-2998

PROBATE COURT

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JUVENILE COURT

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PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Phone: 419.443.0388
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February 9, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Community Connectors Program
Building Hope in Students and Families

Research shows that having a mentor boosts a youth's self-confidence and increases the likelihood of finishing high school. Seneca County has been experiencing declining graduation rates and an increase of at-risk students without appropriate adult mentors. In response, Seneca Mentoring Youth Links (SMYL) was established over two years ago. A group of concerned citizens came together recognizing that many of our young people needed a mentor and determined that the mission of SMYL would be "mentoring Seneca County youth to make better choices for a better future".

With two years of fundraising and marketing by volunteers, SMYL has become a well-known program in the community and a valued partner of this Court. Through the generous gifts received from our community and the hard work of volunteers, in December 2013 SMYL was able to hire a case manager to match mentors with Seneca County youth.

I am encouraged by the commitment and energy of this organization to improve the lives and futures of Seneca County young people. SMYL has been able to begin to fill a void by making many successful mentor matches, but there is so much more to do.

Seneca County is well known throughout the State of Ohio as a county that has strong community partners. We are proud of our area groups, individuals, agencies, departments, schools and courts that work together to strengthen our families and neighborhoods; however, additional guidance and financial support is needed to develop the mission of SMYL to meet the needs of more if not all of our youth.

Just like so many communities, ours is one of hope that our students will be hopeful and have a positive view of the future and success in their lives. I urge you to take a strong look at the Community Connector application submitted by SMYL and the noted community partners.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Judge Jay A. Meyer
Seneca County Juvenile Court

FOSTORIA



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

March 3, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

We, at the Fostoria Economic Development Corporation, fully support the efforts and the collaboration of those involved in trying to obtain the Community Connectors Grant for Seneca County. The Seneca Mentoring Youth Links and the participating schools/organizations are doing an outstanding job with the children and this additional funding would be a tremendous boost.

These children are the future workforce of Seneca County and as an economic development organization, we believe in giving these children every opportunity and advantage. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of the grant application.

Sincerely,



Renee Smith, President
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March 4, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

The Seneca Industrial and Economic Development Corp. (SIEDC) fully supports community efforts to mentor youth and strengthen the workforce of the future, which is a critical component of a community's long-term economic success.

We appreciate the mission of the Seneca Mentoring Youth Links initiative to provide important support for some of our community's at risk children to help them grow and succeed.

Accordingly, we write this letter of support for the application for state funding to further this mission.

Sincerely,

David R. Zak
President & CEO



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March 4, 23015

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of Fostoria, Ohio I have had the opportunity to discuss with School, Business and Law Enforcement officials concerning issues with at risk youth in our city and the surrounding communities. I believe that the Seneca County Youth Links (SMYLE) is a very valuable to our city and to other communities in Seneca County. Mentoring programs are very important to young people who do not have a positive role model or support in their homes.

This Letter is in support of SMYL, which has been utilized throughout Seneca County. I would like to see the mentorship program continue serving our at risk youth in our communities.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Keckler, Mayor
City of Fostoria, Ohio

City of Tiffin

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February 23, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of Tiffin, Ohio I have seen, read and talked with the Municipal Court Judge Mark Repp and our Tiffin Police Chief concerning the issues with the youth at risk in our city and surrounding county. It is very important that we have Seneca Mentoring Youth Links (SMYL) resource in our community that can help to address our at risk youth. We need positive role models to mentor our youth.

This letter is in support of SMYL which has been a much needed and utilized resource for our community and I would like to see this mentorship program continue for our at risk youth. If you would like to contact me or have any questions I can be reached at 419-448-5401, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron D. Montz". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop at the beginning and several vertical strokes at the end.

Aaron D. Montz, Mayor