

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2006 3:33 PM
To: Capp, Larry D. (OCR)
Subject: Opinion

Dear Dr. Capp,

I am in receipt of your fax you sent me earlier this afternoon, indicating that you are seeking an opinion about whether your daughter organization, Afro-in-Books and Internet Café, can receive a grant from the Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program. When we discussed the matter several months ago, I was under the impression that your daughter would be contracting with the Miami-Dade County. Due to the fact the source of the grant is not a County entity, Neighbors and Neighbors Association, Inc., it is permissible for her to accept the grant. The restriction which I alluded to in our prior conversations only applies when immediate family members are doing business directly with the County.

If you wish to discuss, feel free to contact me at your convenience. Also, please forward this opinion to Mr. Leroy Jones, who wished to be apprised of the situation.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

5/3/2006



Neighbors And Neighbors Association Inc.



April, 27, 2006

Afro-In-Books and Internet Café
Jamila Yvonne Capp
5575 NW 7 Avenue
Miami, FL 33127

Dear Ms. Capp:

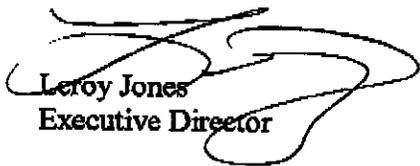
We are in receipt of your correspondence in reference to the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics statement that immediate family members of county employees are not eligible to receive the grant.

I discussed your decision with the selection committee to withdraw your application base on your communications with the Commission on Ethics, however the selection committee voted to recommend Afro-in-Books to receive funding through the Mom and Pop Small Business Grant Program.

Can you please forward a copy of any written correspondence you received from the Ethics Commission as soon as possible so that this matter can be formerly addressed with the selection committee. You may fax the correspondence to (305) 756-6008, to the attention of Leroy.

Until closure is bought to this situation we will keep your awarded amount available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 756-0605.

Sincerely,


Leroy Jones
Executive Director

**AFRO-IN BOOKS
AND INTERNET CAFÉ**
5575 NW 7 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33127
(305) 756-6107

February 2, 2006

Mr. Leroy Jones
Executive Director
NANA, Inc.
180 NW 62 Street
Miami, Fl. 33150

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please consider this letter as my formal notice to NANA to withdraw my application for funding through your "Mom and Pop Small Business grant Program". I have been informed by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics that immediate family members of county employees are not eligible to receive this grant because we are barred "from doing business with the county". Since my father, Dr. Larry Capp, is employed by Miami-Dade County, my business cannot receive a grant. I believe that this is very unfair since I am opening a business in an economically distressed area that needs successful businesses to employ local residents. I hope that you can discuss this matter with the members of the county commission so that the rules can be changed to allow people like me to receive a grant.

At this point, I will turn to funding sources with the city of Miami and federal agencies. My application is being submitted immediately for the Osun's Village Project and I look forward to your favorable review. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Jamila Yvonne Capp
President/CEO

Cc: Commissioner Audrey Edmonson

**Miami-Dade County, Florida
Office of Community Relations**

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FAX

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Executive Director
Office of Community Relations

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REMARKS: Urgent For your review Reply ASAP Please comment

Bob, Please provide a written opinion on this. Please call me.



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Direct line*