

Request For City Commission Contingency Funds Outside Entity

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Name of Individual Requesting Funds: Belinda James

Address:

Date of Request:


Telephone:

Name of Organization Requesting Funds	Black Student Union c/o Blackout Weekend
Amount Requested (not to exceed \$10,000)	\$8,000
Expected Date of Expenditure of Funds	March 28 th , 2008
Public Purpose <i>(use of funds must classify as a public purpose – please explain)</i>	To enhance the overall awareness amongst the Gainesville population in regards to blatant and underlying issues in the minority arena.

Category of Request: <i>(please check one and provide name of event, program, etc and explanation)</i>		
Special Event <i>(include name and date of event)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackout Weekend 2008 March 28 th -29 th , 2008
Special Project or Pilot Program <i>(include name and explanation of program)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grant Match <i>(include name of grant, grant agency and % of matching funds needed)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Capital Donation for Non-profit organization <i>(include name of organization & description of capital improvement)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Co-Sponsorship of fund-raising event <i>(include name & date of event)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other <i>(please explain)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

City Manager has reviewed and accepted this request for inclusion on City Commission Agenda for meeting of 1-30-08

Date



City Manager Signature

Date

1-30-08



University of Florida
BLACKOUT WEEKEND 2008

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Greetings from the Blackout Weekend 2008 committee of the University of Florida's Black Student Union! The Blackout Weekend committee, a sub-committee of the University of Florida's Black Student Union, is an elite assembly of talented, highly motivated students from the University of Florida. We are dedicated to raising awareness in youth and adults alike of sociopolitical, medical, and economic issues affecting our global nation. Through arts, leadership, and entrepreneurship, it is our mission to educate and empower youth and college students on a national level.

The Blackout Weekend 2008 serves to uplift our future leaders – high school and college students – and raise awareness on issues such as economic empowerment, health, voting, education, leadership development and more. The Blackout Weekend (hereafter referred to as BOW) event layout includes a regional high school band competition, corporate career fair, and our State of the Black Student Union Conference. The Battle of the Bands Competition will be the largest high school band competition in the Southeast regional United States, and is expected to draw in crowds in excess of 3,000 people. A portion of the proceeds from this major event will support the National Urban League, a heralded civic organization which empowers minorities to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.

The Black Student Union is famous for bringing acclaimed authors, lecturers, and scholars to the University of Florida and the BOW 2008 committee will continue this legacy during our State of the Black Student Union Conference. Modeled after television/radio personality and best-selling author Tavis Smiley's national State of the Black Union conference, this event seeks to reinforce the need for economic and educational empowerment in our nation's young leaders, especially in minority youth. The conference consists of twelve workshops, centered on the following areas: community involvement, civil rights, health education/awareness, humanities, science, and business. It also concludes a panel session, inclusive of prominent lecturers and entertainers from across the nation. The panel series is the most limiting portion our budget, as it encompasses speaker honorariums, and associated housing/travel fees. This year's estimated costs exceed \$30,000. The BOW 2008 committee is working diligently to create a legacy of innovative programming, quality performers, and powerful speakers for the explosive weekend events held on March 28th and 29th.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in further detail regarding sponsorship, do not hesitate to contact me personally. On behalf of the Blackout Weekend 2008 committee, I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Belinda-Rose James
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Blackout Weekend is a committee within the Black Student Union at the University of Florida.

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Event	Item	Amount	Total	
High School Band Competition	Generators (Second Field)		3	
	Food (Judges)		8	
	Lamps		8	
	Tables		3	
	Chairs		8	
	Tablecloths		3	
	Judges Gift Bags - Plaques	10 Plaques @ \$15		16
	Judges Gift Bags - Gift Cards			8
	Judges Gift Bags - Cards			8
	Judges Gift Bags - Bags			1
	Host			1
	Lighting			1
	Citizen's Field			1
	DJ			1
	Snacks for Bands			1
	Wristbands			2
	MLK Center			1
	Vendor Electricity			8
	Mail - Contracts			5
	Mail - Judges Letters			8
	Award Money - First Place			1
Award Money - Second Place			1	
Award Money - Third Place			1	
	Subtotal		\$11,077.95	
	Donations:		\$0.00	
	Total		\$11,077.95	
Conference	Podiums		4	
	Microphones		9	
	Florida Gym		1	

\$500.00
 \$175.00
 \$15.00
 \$15.00
 \$10.00
 \$15.00
 \$150.00
 \$250.00
 \$5.00
 \$10.00
 \$3,500.00
 \$1,000.00
 \$1,030.00
 \$500.00
 \$500.00
 \$100.00
 \$250.00
 \$300.00
 \$7.25
 \$4.30
 \$1,500.00
 \$750.00
 \$500.00

Subtotal
Donations:
Total

Honorarium	1		\$6,000.00
Food - Lunch	300		\$1,000.00
Food - Drinks	50		\$300.00
Chairs		100 @.50	\$50.00
Tables		50@\$1.00	\$50.00
Panelists	10		\$0.00
Breakout Session Leaders	8		\$0.00
Panelist Gift - Clock		10@\$15	\$150.00
Blackout Weekend Notepads	300		\$1,050.00
Blackout Weekend Glasses	300		\$520.00
		Subtotal	\$9,472.00
		Donations:	\$5,020.00
		Total	\$4,452.00

40th Anniversary Ball

Grand Ball Room	1		\$300.00
Food - Classic Faire Catering	500		\$1,500.00
AV Services	1		\$150.00
Honorarium Gifts	2		\$100.00
Decorations			\$300.00
		Subtotal	\$2,350.00
		Donations:	\$1,950
		Total	\$400.00

Marketing

Banner	1		\$180.00
Ribbon	4		\$11.96
Glue Sticks	1		\$2.00
Concrete Block	4		\$6.28
Cardstock	2		\$11.49
Puzzles	3		\$6.00
Crayola 3D Chalk	2		\$19.92
Drawstring Bags	60		\$229.40
Flyer Design	1		\$25.00
Flyers	5000		\$150.00

T-Shirt Design	1	\$50.00
Blackout T-Shirts	50	\$599.38
Website	1	\$54.36
Subtotal		\$1,357.28
Donations:		\$804.36
Total		\$552.92
Grand Total:		\$16,482.87