

Concept Exploration Grant Proposal

Hello Link Thelma Jean:

Thank you and the grants team for all the hard work you've all done in providing us with the "Concept Exploration Grant Proposal" for Tacoma Links, Incorporation Umbrella Program presented during our Chapter Retreat on Saturday, June 24th.

Please find below the **International Trends and Services (ITS)** facet selection of two components from the "Concept Exploration Grant Proposal" we will be looking forward to supporting.

1. Component - addressing high school and community college academic achievement gap in STEM (STEAM).

ITS Workshop will include: - October/November timeframe.

- a. Introduce U.S.A. middle and senior students to I Can Fly International Butterfly House High School and why the school was set up/implemented.
- b. invite U.S.A. middle and senior students to the annual "Coming to America" live stream from Kenya via I Can Fly International
- c. Share with U.S.A. students the process the Kenyan students follow to apply for trade school or college entrance.
- d. assist the U.S.A., students, in completing college entrance applications.

2. Component - membership and program students provide volunteer service to agencies and churches that work with homeless and low-income populations. In Addition, the Chapter will provide support for schools in Africa.

ITS Workshop will include: - October/November timeframe.

- a. encourage students from the U.S.A. to correspond with the Kenyan students at I Can Fly International Butterfly House High School to share their cultural differences and experiences.
- b. Continue to share with the U.S.A. because the need remains for, I Can Fly International to grow.
- c. look to collaborate with the Scholarship committee to introduce our two sponsored Kenyan students & possibility the Founder and CEO at the Scholarship Award Program

Resources for locating students to participate in our workshops.

- a. Willie Steward School
- b. Tacoma Urban League
- c. A counselor working in the Tacoma School District - a member of Tacoma Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- d. National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- e. Boeing Black Employee Association - Link LaTonya
- f. Military - Link Kirsten Brunson

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