

From: Kester, Tony
To: 'Browder-Hughes, Mildred (Contractor)' <MBrowderHughes@florencenews.com>
Date: 8/28/2013 2:41:46 PM
Subject: RE: senior center for Johnsonville

Mildred,

The information you are requesting is on our web site. We accept applications during the month of February. The maximum grant amount is \$350,000 with a \$150,000 local match. After looking at the application, please call me to discuss any questions you may have.

Thanks,

Tony

From: Browder-Hughes, Mildred (Contractor) [mailto:MBrowderHughes@florencenews.com]
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 6:50 PM
To: Kester, Tony
Subject: senior center for Johnsonville

Dear Mr. Kester:

I spoke with you and Lt. Governor McConnell privately before a meeting in Florence on Dec. 9 concerning the building of a senior center in Johnsonville. At that meeting Mr. McConnell said publicly that he would have no problem funding \$400,000 for that project. Following the open meeting, Linda Johnson, executive director of the Florence County Senior Citizens Association (FCSCA) "would" have me go back with her to speak with the Lt. Gov. At that time he asked who our senator was and said, "Get a proposal into your senator." As of this date, nothing has been done in that direction. She said it all depends on a commitment from the City and County to maintain the building once it is constructed. I do not think we will have a problem with the City. I talked with our representative on the County Council last week and I expect some positive results at a meeting Ms. Johnson and I have scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 at 10 a.m. at Shady Rest Restaurant in Johnsonville where we expect to have representatives from the Florence County Council, the City of Johnsonville, members of the FCSCA, as well as interested people from the community.

I sent Mr. McConnell an E-mail last week and he advised me to call him instead, which I plan to do tomorrow. I am asking that if there is anyone in the Office on Aging that might have some advice, influence or help in any way, if it is possible that they join us there.

In the meantime, could you advise me with a timeline on how to go about submitting a proposal for the building of a senior center for Johnsonville, when to request funds for the project and when to actually submit a proposal for the building? I have been told that your office only accepts proposals in December and then I have been told that you request the funds in December and actually submit the proposal for the building in February. Help, please!

Yours truly,

Mildred Browder-Hughes