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Subject: Fwd: Support for the Progress Center for Black Women's proposal
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:22:20 PM

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From: **Ellen Barnard** <cherokeemarsh@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 1:19 PM
Subject: Support for the Progress Center for Black Women's proposal
To: <hello@centerforblackwomen.org>

Dear Community Services Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the Progress Center for Black Women's Proposal to create the "Cultivating Transformational Leadership" program.

As someone who has done community organizing on Madison's Northside for the past decade, I can attest to the need for this program in my neighborhood and across the city. I have met many people who express interest in becoming more involved in our neighborhood and who express reluctance due to perceived barriers in themselves and in the community. A program like this will provide so many opportunities for these people to develop the skills to become the leaders that we need on the Northside and in all our neighborhoods.

Leadership from within a neighborhood is powerful and meaningful. We have few programs that have the cultural competence to develop this kind of leadership now. I believe that the Progress Center for Black Women will provide that kind of competence and experience to make this happen.

I urge you to approve funding this innovative and vital program.

Sincerely,

Ellen Barnard
Former Chair, Northside Planning Council