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From: **Heather Owens** <owensheatherm@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 2:52 PM
Subject: Transformational Leadership
To: <Hello@centerforblackwomen.org>

Sabrina,

Wishing you the best for your proposal. I'm a resident of Monona - but since I spend more time in Madison because of my job at UW - I thought that they might accept it if you choose to share it with them.

Heather

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Dear committee members:

I strongly encourage you to fund the Institute of Transformative Community Engagement proposed by Sabrina Madison - founder & director of the Progress Center for Black Women. Since working and moving to the Madison area about 4 years ago - I'm constantly in awe of how much community building and leadership Sabrina has done in the region.

She is a true leader and because of her leadership and connections - she has created many programs with support from many people within a short time - especially for community members who are under-represented and are facing inequities. I've attended the Black Business Expo and it was great to hear the buzz from so many community members. I also follow Sabrina on some social media networks - and so many people have shown their support for her. She also is one of the best community connectors I have met.

I've lived in multiple communities and have gone through some leadership programs - though nothing as impactful as what is listed in this proposal. In addition, for many leadership programs, participants or their work has to pay for them to participate. This proposal helps support participants for their research and experience and epitomizes equity - along with having materials in some other languages. I really look forward to see what the collective impact of this group.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration for supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Heather Owens

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