

**Ward Temple**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Church**  
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September 25, 2020

Ms. Angela Abbott  
Bradenton, Florida

Hello Again Ms. Abbott:

We pray that all is well with your family and you are staying safe.

I was assigned to Ward Temple A.M.E. Church, October 2018, by the Bishop of the A.M.E. Church, Adam Jefferson Richardson, Jr. In coming to Manatee County (Bradenton, Florida) conditions was not ideal.

Ward Temple Villas (5 duplexes behind the church were dilapidated) so we started a project to revitalize them for affordable housing to our community. Our neighborhood has been neglected for many years in which I was told.

Yes, we are a (501c3) project, but the Ward Temple Villas are separate from the church itself. We were hoping to get some funds from Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for affordable housing, but it fell through.

I am emailing you some proposals for work we are trying to initiate. Some companies did not take us seriously. Home Depot only gave me a handwritten proposal. We need assistance to help restore our neighborhood (Rogers Community). As I mention before we spent \$50,000.00 on new roofs. All the apartments are occupied with tax paying citizens.

Ward Temple Villas needs more improvement, and I am sure it will last another 30 years. Anything your organization do to assist us in any way will be much appreciated. I am sorry about the last-minute application and proposal. Please call me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

James D. Sykes, Sr.  
Pastor/Administrator  
863-370-1634

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS  
FOR 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
CITY OF BRADENTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development is expected to award the City of Bradenton approximately \$437,387 in Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to meet the housing and community development needs of low and moderate income persons for the 2020-2021 program year.

A Public Hearing will be held on **June 24, 2020**, to receive public comment on the Projected Use of Funds for the 2020-2021 CDBG Program Year. The Public Hearing will be held at **8:30 am** at City Hall, Council Chambers, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205.

**2020-21 CDBG Grant Application Descriptions and Funding Recommendations**

**Public Service Projects**

**Meals on Wheels- Senior Meals**

This program will provide at least 40 low income seniors in the City of Bradenton with a nutritionally balanced hot meal. Volunteers delivering the meals will also provide program participants with daily contact, allowing them to maintain their independent living status.

**Requested: \$25,000.....Recommended: \$25,000**

**Salvation Army- Homeless Prevention**

This program will assist at least 10 families who have fallen behind on their rent through no fault of their own and are facing eviction. The rent will be brought current and the families will be provided with assistance in creating a budget to ensure that they will be able to maintain their housing.

**Requested: \$10,000.....Recommended: \$10,000**

**Non-Public Service Projects**

**City of Bradenton – Code Compliance**

The project will fund one and a half (1.5) full-time Code Compliance Officers and their related expenses. The Officers will work exclusively within low and moderate income areas identified by the City.

**Requested: \$111,570.....Recommended: \$111,570**

**Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Preservation**

This project will provide funding to assist at least 25 low and moderate income families with home repairs.

**Requested: \$236,774.....Recommended: \$203,340**

## Angela Abbott

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**From:** James D Sykes Sr <jamesdsykessr@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** angelaabbott@cfl.rr.com; glengibellina@gmail.com;  
wardtempleamecbradentonfl@aol.com  
**Subject:** Re: Funding for Ward Temple Church  
**Attachments:** MX-5141N\_20200925\_085110.pdf

Dear Ms. Abbott,

Per your request for proposals here is what we have for your board to consider.

1. Windows & Doors we have 2 proposals which will include all 10 units (1) EcoView Windows - Doors for \$28,000.00 and Home Depot for \$60,000.00

The price difference reflects the quality of windows and doors ONLY. All windows and doors are fully compliance to the Florida building codes.

Fully permitted and installed and a certified by a building contractor.

2. Air Conditioners: Per our conversation with Habitat for Humanity we have several licenses a/c contractors including Veterans Air that has been providing quotes from \$3500.00 to \$5000.00 per unit depending on the SEER Rating.

Depending on the funds that your organization will be providing would determine the quality of the materials and the SEER rating of the A/C units.

As you may be aware of We have installed new roofs on all the units, the addition of new windows, doors and A/C units will greatly enhance the energy efficiency of each unit to the tenants who can lease afford a high energy bill.

We pride ourselves by providing quality rentals at the below market rate for those in need. We also take pride in the tenants who live, work and contribute to our community.

As the second oldest black church in Manatee County (1914) we are well recognized by our Community, Citizens and elected officials alike.

We have recently started a garden and plan to expand this with an upcoming grant from the County shortly.

In addition, we will be happy to attend the next schedule board to answer any future questions or concerns or you can call me anytime on my personal cellular number.

Thank you any consideration in this most important matter. As always you and the board are welcome to visit with us anytime that you are in the area.

God bless,

Pastor Sykes  
863-370-1634

If you need any additional information before Monday's deadline please let us know.

-----Original Message-----

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To: glengibellina@gmail.com  
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Sent: Thu, Sep 24, 2020 4:16 pm  
Subject: RE: Funding for Ward Temple Church



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