

To: Crossville City Council

From: Charles Scarbrough, President, Cumberland County Youth Center

Date: June 30, 2016

Subject: Funding Proposal

The Cumberland County Youth Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 1977 as the Cumberland County Girls Club. For many years The Girls Club focused its efforts on girls educational and athletic programs. In the late 1980's, another local nonprofit organization, The Cumberland County Boys Club, changed its focus to drug prevention and also changed its name to the TAD (Teens Against Drugs) Center. This opened the door for The Girls Club to expand its programs to include boys sports and activities and so it was reorganized and changed its name to The Cumberland County Youth Center. For almost 40 years, the Youth Center has offered sports programs as well as after school and summer school educational opportunities.

Statistics have shown that "Youth Centers" play a vital role in maintaining a healthy community through after school and sports programs. Effective after school programs improve academic performance and classroom behavior, as well as reduce drug use and teenage pregnancy rates. Organized youth sports leagues help to create a strong work ethic, teach teamwork and sportsmanship and also help to prevent childhood obesity, diabetes and other health related problems. Working families and businesses also benefit from these programs that ensure youth have a safe place to go while parents are at work. There's no doubt our community could enjoy these same benefits from a well organized and well funded facility.

The Crossville Cumberland County Youth Center has recently appointed a new President and is currently in the process of appointing new board members. We also would like to renovate our facility in order to implement new programs effectively. With new facilities and a vast array of new programs and services, we believe exciting times are ahead for the Youth Center. Our renovation plans, and our new sports and educational programs are all great ideas that serve a great need in our community, but without your generosity these dreams may never be realized. We ask that you would consider partnering with us to make this great facility with its endless opportunities become a reality for the citizens of Crossville and Cumberland County.

We are requesting the Council to petition Cumberland County to donate The Youth Center Property at 286 Hayes Street to The City of Crossville. We also request funding in the amount of \$679,753 to pay for renovation of the facility, purchase equipment, cover six months of operational expenses and payoff our loan with Highland Federal.

Cumberland County Youth Center  
2016 Funding Request

Hardwood Floors in both gyms (14,000 square feet)	180,934.00
Highland Federal Bank payoff	168,000.00
Operational Expenses (6 months @ 12,589.86 per month)	75,539.16
Roof Repair	50,000.00
New Basketball Goals (8 retractable)	44,000.00
Transport Vans (2-15 passenger vans)	36,000.00
Volleyball Nets (3 retractable)	33,000.00
Renovation of old office and bathroom area (2 new classrooms and 2 private bathrooms)	39,130.00
New HVAC System (small gym and old office/bathroom area)	25,000.00
New Bleachers (10-50 seat, tip and roll bleachers)	11,880.00
Additional lighting in Big Gym	10,000.00
Plastic Tables and Chairs (16 tables and 128 chairs)	6,270.06

**Total Request**

**\$679,753.22**