



July 29, 2018

The Honorable Rick Snyder
State of Michigan Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Greetings Governor Snyder,

I'd like to take this opportunity to show thanks and appreciation of Alayne Hansen and the Michigan Works! Grayling office for organizing the STTF Training Grant. The training was an STTF Collaborative including five area nonprofit agencies to learn grant research & writing, accounting for non-profits and office documentation and administration. It was such a valuable opportunity for myself and other non-profits in the region.

As a newly formed non-profit organization I found the content of the series very helpful and well organized. As a matter of fact, I wish it could have dug a little deeper and longer so that we actually had uninterrupted time to work on some of the topics as we discussed them.

The elements of the content that I will get the most benefit from and have already begun to implement are Board Development and Fundraising.

The board development portion has helped me to understand how important an active board is to an organization and that leaning on them for guidance and assistance is crucial to the success of the organization.

Fundraising and grant seeking is obviously a core function of every non-profit but having the added tools data searching, where/how to seek funders with matching interests and how to approach them will be invaluable to our success going forward.

Thank you very much for this opportunity. We value Michigan Works! presence in the community and their dedication to helping area businesses. Please come visit us if you are ever in the area.

Sincerely,

Diane Love-Suvada

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