

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 223 Truman Avenue Key West, Florida 33040 *Reverend Antonio Magwood, Pastor* (561) 708-2611-Cell

Email: antoniomagwood@yahoo.com, <u>www.facebook.com/Bethel-AME-Church</u>

April 12, 2017

Key West Police Department Attn: Mr. Donald Lee, Jr., Chief of Police 1604 N Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040

Re: Request for Forfeiture Funds from the Key West Police Department

To Whom It May Concern:

First, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$500 for S.T.E.P in August 2016. We effectively and efficiently helped to reshape and redirect the lives of youth with several success stories. Several youths have successfully completed the program and obtained employment. We were also able to increase the frequency of the program this year from once per month to twice per month.

Secondly, we would like to request another donation of some of KWPD's 2017 forfeiture money, for the Success Through Empowerment Program (STEP). We are requesting the amount of \$1200.00 to be used throughout the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. These funds will be distributed at the rate of \$200.00 per month, to assist with our outreach program.

Once again, we are targeting at-risk youth in Key West community. Our goal is not only to work with juvenile offenders but also to divert and prevent other youth from entering the juvenile justice system for the first time. We have also partnered with several agencies that will help empower them and assist them with positive decision making skills, job skills, etc. They will also hear from experts from the community explaining their rights and teaching them about crimes and consequences, health education, effective communication, substance abuse, their power to overcome, etc.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (561) 708-2611-Cell or email me at <u>antoniomagwood@yahoo.com</u>.

Respectfully,

Reverend Antonio Magwood, Pastor