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Commercial Façade Improvement Program Application
SECTION 1: APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION
Name: Georgia Blackmon Title: Executive Director
Mailing // on behalf of the Mother Wit Institute, Inc.
Address: 314 N Devilliers ST Persacola, FL 32501
Phone 1: <u>850 - 426 - 1229</u> Phone 2:
Email: Fax:
Address: 473 N "A" ST Parcel #: 000S009060210022
Pinsacola, FL 32501
Is the property historical or culturally significant, as defined in the program guidelines? Yes D No
If yes, attach the following documentation: o Proof of listing on the National Register of Historic Places and/or cultural significance, as defined under Section B, Eligible
Property, Commercial Façade Improvement Program Guidelines,
 Documentation of support from entities or organizations that do not have financial or personal interest in the applicant or this program. This shall include four (4) or more letters of support.
Are there any code violations or liens? 🛛 🖓 Yes 🔀 No
Is the property current on ad valorem taxes? XYes No
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If the property contains code violations, liens, or is delinquent on ad valorem taxes please explain the
circumstances below:
Attach the following documentation:
 Property Deed Photograph of Existing Property Conditions (minimum one 4X6 per storefront)
Is the property leased or tenant-occupied? Yes Proceed to Section 3. Proceed to Section 4.
SECTION 3: TENANT/LESSEE INFORMATION
For multiple tenants/lessees, please attach documentation providing the information required within this section for each.
Tenant/Lessee Name:
No. of Years at Project Location:
No. of Years Remaining on Lease:
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SECTION 4: BUSINESS INFORMATION

If not applicable, write "N/A". Name: Mother Wit Institute Inc.

Date

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August 28, 2019

Victoria D'Angelo City of Pensacola 222 W Main ST Pensacola, FL 32502

Re: Ella Jordan Home CRA request

Dear Victoria:

Please accept this note on behalf of the UWF Historic Trust as notation of the Ella Jordan Home's cultural significance to the city of Pensacola.

The Ella Jordan Home is located in the Westside Garden District, a neighborhood that historically has been the cultural center of the African American community in Pensacola. Built in the 1890's, the Home served as a landmark for many of Pensacola's African American community organizers such as the City of Pensacola's Federation of Colored Women's Club (founded in 1929) and provided an important social and educational institution for the African American community during segregation. The home stood for almost eighty years before Hurricane Ivan swept over the Gulf Coast in 2005 and destroyed it. Since then, the Mother Wit Institute has taken ownership of the property and is restoring it to its former glory, realizing its potential as a modern community center and museum to educate the residents of the Westside Garden District and beyond.

We anticipate the outcomes of the Ella Jordan Home's revitalization to bolster the community's relationship with its history. Currently, the neighborhood is undergoing a sharp gentrification effort that may push out residents who have lived in the area for generations. For these people and others outside the neighborhood, the restoration of the Home represents a preservation of the historical nature of the area as a center for civic and community engagement for African Americans in the Pensacola area. As a museum, the Home will provide a window into the past as people learn more about the neighborhood's role as a center for African American culture in the area. It will be open as an education resource for several schools in the area, giving students a unique view on the oft-overlooked part of the city's history. Reconstruction efforts have been underway for years, with the final intention for the building to operate as a living museum and interactive community center that will tell the stories of Westside Garden District residents as well as the larger Pensacola African American community. After restoration, the Home will serve as a meeting hall, museum and event space.



Over the past few years, substantial work has been done to the Ella Jordan Home to restore it to its previous state and to reinforce it for future use. Those repairs and improvements are:

- New roof, soffit & facia
- New components for 'hardening' structure against windstorms
- New foundation support piers (repaired old and added additional for stronger support)
- New framing where needed inside for structural integrity
- New paint outside (with missing siding replaced by custom sourced wood lap boards)
- Repaired porch floorboards and railing
- New windows (upscaled to meet historic requirements)
- Repaired & replaced exterior doors (custom sourced for historic compliance)
- New sub-flooring inside
- New accessibility ramp

We still have a long way to go before the museum will be open for visitors, but we are confident, with the city of Pensacola's assistance, that our children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to experience all of the wonderful and historical contributions the African American community and Ella Jordan herself have made to their city. With deepest gratitude,

Sincerely,

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Ross Pristera Historic Preservationist

The Ella Jordan House

Mrs. Ella L. Jordan founded the City of Pensacola's Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. She was a devoted club worker, community leader, educator, political activist, and a dedicated woman who worked for the betterment of the Pensacola community.

Mrs. Jordan dedicated her life to the Club's works and community activities. Her home, originally



built in the 1890's, served as an important social and educational institution for the African-American community for several years; it also served as the Federation's Club Home.



In addition to serving as a club house, the Ella Jordan Home was a hub for social and cultural gatherings, including significant assemblies. The Club and the Home provided a way for African-American women in segregated Pensacola to identify and meet the needs of their community. The Ella L. Jordan Home is historically significant because of the activities of the Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.,

is the oldest African American women's organization in America. The association was established in Washington D.C. in July, 1896. Hundreds of African American women's clubs came together from across the U.S. with a main purpose to address some immediate and long-range issues that affected the African American communities. The City of Pensacola's Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., was founded in 1929 by Mrs. Ella Jordan. Now, closing in on its 125th birthday, this historical landmark is in need of restoration to continue the legacy and life-long commitment of Mrs. Ella Jordan, the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and to give hope to a new generation. The Mother Wit Institute, Inc., whose many members benefited from the cultural and educational programs offered by



the Federation, is asking the Pensacola community to help support the revitalization of this historical community building.



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May 4, 2017

IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area Post Office Box 13304 Pensacola, FL 32591-3304

Dear Grants Committee,

The University of West Florida Historic Trust is very supportive of the Mother Wit institute's grant application for the repairs and renovation of the Ella Jordan House located at 423 N. "C" Street in Pensacola, Florida.

The house was constructed sometime between 1880 and 1900 and has served as the home to the "Colored Women's Federation" since 1929. It is architecturally unique and it would be a loss to the entire area if the house is not saved.

Restoration of this local landmark is very important to the region as it would serve as a focal point for the community to rally around the preservation of its diverse history and culture. This is a very worthwhile project that will be good for the region.

Please accept this letter as my strong support for this project request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Overton, Jr Executive Director



June 23, 2016

IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area Post Office Box 13304 Pensacola, FL 32591-3304

Dear Grants Committee,

The University of West Florida Historic Trust is very supportive of the Mother Wit institute's grant application for the repairs and renovation of the Ella Jordan House located at 423 N. "C" Street in Pensacola, Florida.

Originally serving as a community gathering space that served the surrounding neighborhood, this restoration will once again turn this building into a key community resource.

The protection and preservation of cultural resources is what makes Pensacola special. This project is important to the neighborhood and larger community. This is a very worthwhile project that will be good for the region.

Please accept this letter as my strong support for this project request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ross Pristera Historic Preservationist



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The National Association for the Preservation of African-American History & Culture, Inc. P.O. Box 6663 | Tallahassee, FL 32314 | (770) 376-0485 | staff@blackpreservation.org www.blackpreservation.org

June 17, 2016

Dear Ms. Blackmon,

The National Association for the Preservation of African-American History & Culture, Inc. (NAPAAHC), a public charitable 501©(3) nonprofit organization, is interested in establishing a sustainable partnership with the Mother Wit Institute, Inc. and its Ella Jordan House in an effort to continue the ongoing need to preserve this landmark for future generations.

The astounding accomplishments of the late Mrs. Jordan greatly influenced a generation. Her commitment to community service as founding President of the Pensacola Chapter of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs served as an example for many young women who would go on to follow in her footsteps. Restoring the home that she shared with the entire community, so that it may function as a museum and once again, as a community meeting space, is an exceptionally worthy project. As such, the Jordan Museum will spur economic growth, attract tourists to Pensacola, and potentially create jobs in the not-for-profit museum sector. This endeavor is one that the NAPAAHC wholeheartedly supports, and is glad to stand by in support.

This important piece of American history has stood the test of time, and due to your hard work and determination, is well on its way to being lovingly transformed into a cultural facility. NAPAAHC is pleased to work with nonprofit organizations, local governments, as well as community groups throughout the United States, whom desire to preserve irreplaceable resources such as the Jordan Home.

We seek to form an official alliance with the eventual Ella Jordan House Museum, as a means to continue to work in unison to advocate for the resources needed to operate this facility. With an abundance of perseverance, hard work, and organizing with fellow leaders, and charitable entities, I am confident that such an undertaking can be completed and maintained for many years to come.

NAPAAHC stands ready to assist you in your endeavors.

Thank you.

Sincerely. blolly

Delaitre Jordan Hollinger Executive Director/CEO National Association for the Preservation of African-American History & Culture, Inc.



April 27, 2017

Dear Grant Officials:

The purpose of this letter is to support the grant application from the Ella Jordan "Mother Wit" House and Museum. The history of this landmark and what it has meant to the community through the years is very much deserving of support. A dedicated team of volunteers has made tremendous progress in returning this structure to a useable and much needed gathering place and an educational and tourism entity. As an active member of the Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network (FAAHPN) we can attest to the dedicated volunteers and supporters in the community and their industrious and passionate efforts to make sure that this historic property will exist and serve for generations to come.

Historically, this property was the anchor for the Black Community, providing cultural events and human services for many years. Very few of its kind still exist in Pensacola as facilities open to the public. The organization's efforts to restore and preserve the structure for its historical value and quality of life benefits are commended. The requested funding will enable continued design and development of heritage education programs, arts and cultural experiences, provision of tours and enhancing visitation to the site. It also stands as a beacon of pride in the community.

I applaud and fully support the work of the applicant and ask for your favorable support of their application. Thank you and if additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at (850) 681-7881.

Sincerely,

Althemese Barnes, Founder and Executive Director

FAAHPN

RE: Save the Ella Jordan Home Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I continue my support and participation with Ms. Georgia Blackmon in the *Save the Ella Jordan Home* campaign in 2016. Being part of Ms. Blackmon's efforts to Save the Ella Jordan Home provides an opportunity for me to give back to a worthwhile cause as well as to the Pensacola community that I love. This year my continued support includes being part of the Ella Jordan Home committee leadership team, leading grant writing activities associated with the campaign, communicating with any county / city officials as needed, and maintaining the Ella Jordan Home website and Facebook pages.

Joining this project team and being a collective member with the women who experienced the house has placed me living experiences of the research my UWF students have done over the years. If my work schedule allowed I would devote 100% of my time to save this home. It is that important to the women, the Pensacola community and to me. The house will provide this same experience to anyone in the community and create a sense of place for an important history soon to be lost with time if not captured. With so many of the historical places demolished or re-purposed, I believe preserving this place will go a long way in preserving an important part of history in Pensacola.

My goal with Ms. Blackmon is to lead efforts to preserve the Ella Jordan Home as a landmark of Pensacola's history and as a showcase of middle class black America in the decades surrounding the 1950s; restored, the Home will become the "go to" place for chronicling the lives and influence of black women in Pensacola and the nation to shape our world today.

Cordially,

Dr. Janet K. Pilcher, Executive Leader Studer Education





P.O BOX 9433 PENSACOLA, FL. 32513 Board of Directors: Lynn B. Cade, President Dr. Marion Williams – Secretary, Wallace Haywood, Treasurer

June 1, 2016

To Whom It may Concern

I am writing to share our support for the Mother Wit Institute, Inc. (501.C.3) Organization efforts to save, preserve and restore the Ella Jordan Federated Home at 423 N. "C" Street, Pensacola, FI 32501, The Home is a local historic landmark in the African American community which was constructed in 1890.

It was a definite asset to the African American community and it should be restored. I would appreciate your consideration of the efforts to restore this community icon. Please contact me at (850)434 -5906.

Sincerely,

Williams, R. D. ret.

Bro. Marion Williams, Ph.D., ret – Secretary/Asst. Treasurer/ Past President OGRF

cc: Board Members: Lynn B. Cade Wallace Haywood



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Please remember us in your will and trusts. 300 West Leonard Street • Pensacola, FL 32501 • 850.434.5456 info@pensacolahabitat.org • www.pensacolahabitat.org

Robert F. Bendus, Director **Division of Historical Resources Bureau of Historical Preservation** 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Director Bendus,

Pensacola Habitat for Humanity enthusiastically supports Mother Wit Institute's historic preservation grant application for the repairs and renovations of the Ella L. Jordan house, located at 423 North "C" Street Pensacola.

Since 1981 Pensacola Habitat for Humanity has worked to provide decent, affordable homes to families in our community through new home construction and rehabbed properties. Recently, Pensacola Habitat for Humanity expanded its scope of work to include neighborhood revitalization. Pensacola, Florida's Westside Garden District -- which includes the Ella L. Jordan home --- is an important part of our neighborhood revitalization efforts. Renovation and restoration of the Jordan home would not only significantly uplift the properties in the area, but could also serve as a catalyst for change for many in the community. With the Jordan home renovation in the forefront, other work Pensacola Habitat is currently doing and plans to do in the future, will support and further this community-led revitalization.

Please accept this letter as evidence of this organization's strong support for this project request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Executive Director

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Project: 423 N C St / Historic Ella Jordan Home Restoration

Target Area: Westside CRA – Historical and Culturally Significant Only



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Recorded in Public Records 11/05/2012 at 12:13 PM OR Book 6930 Page 714, Instrument #2012084549, Ernie Lee Magaha Clerk of the Circuit Court Escambia County, FL Recording \$35.50 Deed Stamps \$0.70

> This instrument was prepared by: Wright & James P.C. 752 Moreland Avenue SE, Ste. 7 Atlanta, Georgia 30316

QUIT CLAIM DEED

This Quit Claim Deed (the "Deed"), is made this 4th day of November, 2012 by MOTHER WIT INSTITUTE, INCORPORATED, a Florida not-for-profit corporation, whose address is 2737 North E Street, Pensacola, Florida, 32501 (the "Grantee") and PENSACOLA FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS, INCORPORATED, a Florida not-forprofit corporation, whose address is 423 North "C" Street, Pensacola, Florida, 32501 (the "Grantor").

NOW THEREFORE, that said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby remises, releases and quit-claims unto Grantee forever all of the right, title, claim and demand which Grantor has in and to the following described land (the "Property"), situated, lying and being in the County of Escambia, State of Florida, to wit:

Legal Description:	LTS 21 TO 23 DB 155 P 279 PEBLEYS S/D BLK 22 WEST
	KING TRACT CA 105
Account:	150278000
Reference #:	000\$009060210022
Address:	423 North "C" Street, Pensacola Florida, 32501

This conveyance is subject to the terms, conditions, reservations, and reversionary interest as set forth below.

1. Grantor hereby reserves an easement for the use of the house that is located on the Property (the easement is described in the Easement Agreement).

2. In the event that Grantee determines that it no longer desires to serve as owner of the Property, this deed is null and void and the above-described land shall revert to the Grantor or its successors. The Property shall revert to Grantor with no financial obligation on Grantee.

3. The rights to and ownership of all archaeological artifacts found at 423 North "C" Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501 shall remain the property of the Grantor.

4. WHEREAS, the Deed contains the following restrictions:

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, this deed is given and granted upon the express condition subsequent that the Grantee herein or its successors and assigns shall never sell, convey, lease, pledge or encumber the above described land or any part thereof.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, this deed is given and granted upon the further condition subsequent that the Grantee herein or its successors or assigns shall not change the name of the property from the Ella L. Jordan Home.

It is covenanted and agreed that the above conditions subsequent shall run with the land and any violation thereof shall render this deed null and void and the above-described land shall, in any event, revert to the Grantor or its successors.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest, lien, equity and claim whatsoever of Grantor, either in law or equity, to the only property use, benefit and behoof of Grantee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has executed this Quit Claim Deed in its name by its proper officer thereunto duly authorized, the day, month and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

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BEVERLYN BAIN President / Grantor Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Inc.

Witness Signature

Callista M. Mercer iness Signature allista M. Mercer, wi , Witness

Witness Signature

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ice President / Grantor Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.

CHRISTANTHIA SANDERS Notary Public - State of Florida ly Comm. Expires Jan 24, 2014 Commission # DD 954836 Durotenshia

Witness

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUIT CLAIM DEED

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me on this $\underline{\underline{\Psi}}^{+}$ day of November, 2012, by Beverlyn Baines as President and Julia Arnold as Vice President of Pensacola Federation of Colored Women's Club, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, who are ($\underline{\vee}$) personally known to me, or () have produced a ______ as identification.

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Notary Public

Print Name: nr. stanthia My Commission Expires: 24,2014



CONSENT AND ACCEPTANCE

MOTHER WIT INSTITUTE, INCORPORATED, a Florida not-for-profit corporation, whose address is 2737 North E Street, Pensacola, Florida, 32501 (the "Institute"), does hereby consent to the conveyance of the Property from PENSACOLA FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS, INCORPORATED, to the Institute and does hereby accept the conveyance f the Property.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

GEORIGIA BLACKMON President / Grantee Mother Wit Institute, Incorporated

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Witness Signature

unie T. Watts Witness

Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged before me on this 4% day of November, 2012, by Georgia Blackmon as President and Rose Salter as Vice President of Mother Wit Institute, Incorporated, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, who are (\checkmark) personally known to me, or () have produced a ______ as identification.



Dite. Notary Public Print Name: (My Commission Expires:

ROSE SALTER Vice President/ Grantee Mother Wit Institute, Incorporated