

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.  
APPLICATION COVER PAGE**

Applicant: <u>Ecclesia College</u>	Applicant Preparer: _____
Address: <u>9653 Nations Drive</u>	Address: _____
City/Zip: <u>Springdale 72762</u>	City/Zip: _____
Phone: <u>479-248-7236</u>	Phone: _____
Fax: <u>479-248-1455</u>	Fax: _____
Email: <u>oparis3@ecollege.edu</u>	Email: _____
County: <u>Benton/Washington</u>	Contact Person: _____

**Project Summary:** 23 acre property acquisition to provide much needed additional student residence space

**Type of Applicant:**

City  
 County  
 Non-profit (Attach 501 C3)

Other Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Joint List Joint Members: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Joint Applicants must be accompanied by an agreement signed by all members applying for funding in the application*

State Senator(s) / District(s): Jon Woods / District 7

State Representative(s) / District(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget:**

Amount Requesting           \$ 200,000

Other Funding (specified in budget)   \$ NONE

Total Project Budget           \$ 565,000

**Authorized Representative:** The signature indicates that I have been authorized to submit an application requesting funding for the proposed project and to the best of my knowledge and belief, all data contained in this application is true and correct. If the application is approved for funding, I am authorized to sign any applicable documents on behalf of the applicant.

<u>Oren Paris III</u>	<u>President, Ecclesia College</u>
Type Name	Title
	<u>August 19, 2013</u>
Signature	Date



**Brief Description of Ecclesia College:**

Ecclesia College was founded in 1975 in Springdale, Arkansas. The college is nationally accredited through ABHE and state certified by ADHE. Ecclesia College is a four-year, private, liberal arts college built on the innovative and highly effective work college model where every student's education is rooted in the development of good character and the formation of a strong work ethic. EC graduates enter the workforce with less than \$6000 in total debt, and their consistently strong work ethic makes them more dependable and sought after by employers.

**Need and Nature of the Project:**

To purchase a 23-acre parcel of land with an existing student residence hall adjacent to the existing Ecclesia College property necessary to provide critically needed space for incoming resident students beginning fall of 2013. This property expansion is necessary to provide increased educational opportunities to students enrolling in Arkansas' only federally recognized Work College.

**Improvements to the Local Area:**

The completion of this project will create opportunities for many more Arkansas students to participate in a work college environment while earning a valuable education and being engaged in local community service projects throughout Arkansas. The economic development of Springdale and the surrounding communities of NW Arkansas is intrinsically linked with higher education graduation rates. This project for which funding is requested will have a dynamic and strategic impact on the economic climate of our area through an increased number of low-debt graduates which will provide local employers with a highly trained and employable workforce while simultaneously instilling in the students the desire to give back to their communities. The completion of this land and residence hall acquisition project will create opportunities for increased student enrollment, which will add nearly two thousand hours of community service here in Arkansas over the next academic year.

**Authorized Representative:**

The person authorized to make representations for and bind Ecclesia College is:

*Oren Paris, President of Ecclesia College*  
*9653 Nations Drive, Springdale, AR 72762*  
*(479) 248-7236*

Ecclesia College  
August 7, 2013

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Proposal for  
Ecclesia College Property and  
Residence Hall Acquisition

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** ECCLESIA COLLEGE

**CONTACT PERSON:** OREN PARIS III

**CONTACT ADDRESS:** 9653 NATIONS DRIVE, SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

**CONTACT PHONE:** (479) 248-7236

**RESPONSIBLE PARTY:** OREN PARIS III

**GRANT REQUEST:** \$130,000

## 1. Nature of the Project

To purchase a 23-acre parcel of land with a student residence hall adjacent to the existing Ecclesia College property necessary to provide residence hall space for incoming resident students beginning fall of 2013. This residence hall expansion is necessary to provide educational opportunities to students enrolling in Arkansas' only federally recognized Work College.

## 2. Brief History of Ecclesia College

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## 3. Funding

Ecclesia College has received no funding for this project from the State of Arkansas.

## 4. Improvements to the Local Area

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## 5. Project Cost Estimate

	Description of Work	Anticipated Costs
Property Acquisition	23 acre parcel with student housing	\$565,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>

## 6. Authorized Representative

The person authorized to make representations for this proposal is:

Oren Paris III, President of Ecclesia College  
Address: 9653 Nations Drive, Springdale, AR 72762  
Phone: 479-248-7236

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.  
General Improvement Fund Grant Program  
Grant Agreement

Grantee: Ecclesia College

Grant #: 0718-2013

Grant Amount: \$ 200,000.00

Purpose: Student Residence

GRANTOR

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.  
P.O. Box 190  
Harrison, AR 7602-0190  
Phone: 870-741-5404

GRANTEE

Ecclesia College  
9653 Nations Drive  
Springdale, Arkansas 72762  
Phone: (479) 248-7236

1. PURPOSE

This Agreement is entered into by Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. (NWAEDD), herein referred to as Grantor, and (grantee), herein referred to as Grantee. The Grantor has received General Improvement Funds from the Arkansas General Assembly to be utilized to assist local public governmental jurisdictions and/or non-profit organizations to plan, develop, promote and/or implement economic and community development projects/activities designed to improve the economic, community and/or social well-being of the citizens of Arkansas. Projects should complement the Economic and Community Development Goals and Objects of the State of Arkansas. The Grantee agrees to implement and complete a General Improvement Fund Program project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. LEGAL AUTHORITY

By signing this Agreement the Grantee certifies that it possesses legal authority to accept grant funds under the General Improvement Fund program. The act of signing will also certify that the Grantee will comply with all parts of this Agreement, and the Grantee accepts full legal responsibility for properly implementing the project described in the original grant application documents and agrees to expend funds in accordance with the original grant application form.

3. FINANCIAL MANGEMENT AND ACCOUNTING

The Grantee will establish and/or maintain a financial management and accounting system, which conforms to generally accepted accounting principles and complies with requirements of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, and other applicable fiscal control laws of the State of this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration shall be observed in connection with the utilization of said grant funds.

4. RECORDKEEPING

Grantee will maintain records of all project expenditures on file for a period of three years or until the Grantee's audit for the period in which grant funds were utilized have been conducted. The Grantor and duly authorized officials of the State will have full access and the right to examine any pertinent documents of the Grantee or persons or organizations with which the Grantee may contract, which involve transactions related to this Agreement.

**5. REPORTING**

The Grantee agrees to provide Grantor with a final close-out report within sixty (60) days of project completion on which grant funds have been utilized, (See Attachment "A" - Closeout Form).

**6. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Grantee agrees to follow all local and state laws and regulations. Furthermore, the Grantee agrees to hold harmless the Grantor from any and all claims, suits and actions arising from any act of omission, noncompliance or misuse of grant funds by the Grantee or any employee or agent in the performance of this Grant Agreement.

**7. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The Grantor shall make payment of authorized grant funds upon proper execution of this Grant Agreement by the Grantee. The Grantor reserves the right to determine the most appropriate distribution of payments, based upon the nature of the approved project. In no event will the total amount of grant funds to the Grantee for allowable expenses incurred in relation to the project exceed the amount noted on Page 1 of this Agreement as the Grant Amount.

**8. MODIFICATIONS**

The Grant Agreement may be modified, at the discretion of the Grantor, only with prior written notification from the Grantee. The Grantee will be notified, in writing, of the decision of the Grantor.

Approved for the Grantor

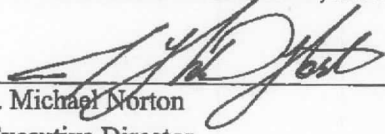
Approved for the Grantee


BY:

BY:

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Ecclesia College

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Michael Norton  
Executive Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Oren Paris III  
President

Date

Date

9/25/13

9-27-13



## 7. Statement

Oren Paris III is authorized to bind this proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oren Paris III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct flourish at the end.

Oren Paris III  
President, Ecclesia College  
9653 Nations Drive, Springdale, AR 72762  
479-248-7236





NORTHWEST ARKANSAS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

NWAEDD PLAZA  
818 Highway 62-65-412 North • P.O. Box 190  
Harrison, Arkansas 72602-0190  
(870) 741-5404

September 25, 2013

Oren Paris III  
President, Ecclesia College  
9653 Nations Drive  
Springdale, Arkansas 72762

Mr. Paris:

The Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District (NWAEDD) is pleased to notify you it has approved a General Improvement Fund (GIF) grant to Ecclesia College. Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/100's (\$200,000.00).

The GIF grant is a community development grant to Ecclesia College. The project is to help fund much needed addition student residence space on the campus of Ecclesia College in Springdale.

The funds were appropriated to the GIF program through an Act sponsored by State Senator Jon Woods. We wish to thank Senator Woods and the Arkansas Legislator's for enabling NWAEDD to serve Arkansas and its citizens.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if I can be of assistance or provide any information.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Norton  
Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Jon Woods, Arkansas Senate

Payee Ecclesia College  
Vendor ID Ecclesia Colleg

Account #:

1083  
9/25/2013

Invoice	Description	Discount	Amount
0718-2013	General Improvement Grant	\$0.00	\$200,000.00

General Improvement Grant Total : \$0.00 \$200,000.00

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC**  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC  
LEGISLATIVE FUNDS  
818 HWY 62-65-412 N  
HARRISON, AR 72601

ARVEST BANK  
ARVEST.COM

1083

81-97-829

\*\*\*\*Two Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars

DATE  
9/25/2013

AMOUNT  
\$200,000.00

PAY TO THE ORDER OF  
Ecclesia College  
9653 Nations Drive  
Springdale, AR 72762

*Bill Witty*  
Bill Witty

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## REQUEST FOR PROJECTS

1. The purpose of this Request for Projects (RFP) is to invite the submission of projects for funding provided by the State of Arkansas through the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. Projects should complement the Economic and Community Development Goals of the State of Arkansas.
2. Communication concerning this RFP should be addressed to:  
  
Mr. J. Michael Norton, Executive  
Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.  
P. O. Box 190  
Harrison, AR 72602-0190
3. To qualify for consideration, an original completed packet must be received by NWAEDD at the above address.
4. Award, if any, will be made to the responsible organizations whose projects meets the requirements of the general improvement grant program. NWAEDD reserves the right to reject all or any part of a submission or all submissions.
5. An award letter will be issued by the requester to the successful organizations. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contractual agreement with NWAEDD prior to funding.
6. Any disputes arising from the selection/rejection of any submission will be resolved solely by the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.
7. To facilitate submission evaluation, entities shall organize the submission based on the following outline.
  - A. APPLICATION FACT SHEET (*Form Attached*)  
Complete and sign the attached form.
  - B. Project Narrative (limit 1 page)
    1. Briefly describe the Applicant Organization
    2. Briefly describe the need and the nature of the applicant project.
    3. Briefly describe how the proposed project will improve the local area and assist with state wide efforts in economic and community development.

4. State the names of the persons who will be authorized to make representations for the applicant organization, their title, address, and telephone number. State that the person signing the letter will be authorized to bind the applicant.

C. **PROJECT BUDGET** (*Form Attached*)

Include a line item project budget. Please utilize the budget form which is attached.

D. **ATTACHMENTS**

If appropriate, attach a project map, project time line and support letter(s). Include other pertinent documents as needed to complete the project description.

Internal Revenue Service

District  
Director

Ecclesia, Inc  
P.O. Box 7  
Elm Springs, AR. 72728

Department of the Treasury

1100 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas 75242

Person to Contact:  
EOMF Tax Examiner  
Telephone Number  
(214) 767-1155  
Refer Reply to:  
RM:CSB:306:ED  
Date: Nov. 29, 1983

EIN: 71-0477536

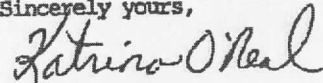
Gentlemen:

Our Records show that Ecclesia, Inc.  
is exempt from Federal Income Tax under section  
501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption was granted  
March 1977 and remains in full force and effect.

We have classified your organization as one that is not a private  
foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue  
Code because you are an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)

If we may be of further assistance, please contact the person whose name  
and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Katrina O'Neal  
EOMF Tax Examiner

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