

August 7, 2015

The Honorable Cory A. Booker
United States Senator
One Gateway Center, 23rd Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Senator Booker:

Mr. Daniel Upham, Chief Microenterprise Development Branch has asked me to respond to your letter supporting the Greater Newark Enterprises Corporation (GNEC), in its request to receive grant funding under the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Program for Investment in Microentrepreneurs (PRIME) Act.

The PRIME Act provides grantees with funding to assist low-income and very low-income entrepreneurs in need to training and technical assistance to start, operate, or expand their businesses. GNEC's proposal for the PRIME Act will be given every consideration during this competitive grant process.

We appreciate your support of SBA, GNEC, and the New Jersey small business community. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Grady B. Hedgespeth
Director
Office of Economic Opportunity