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Dear Mr. Connor Lloyd

Re: Development of an ICT Centre at the Anguilla Public Library

I refer to the above-captioned.

The Anguilla Public Library serves as the main public access point for internet access and computer access generally, on Anguilla. Unfortunately, the service offered is limited by space and resource constraints. This is of concern as the Library seeks to expand its offerings to cater to the growing demands of its clientele for access to online research databases and to provide more access to information generally via technological means. The Ministry of Social Development is of the view that the Library's technological development is key to encouraging members of the public of all ages to use the Library and thus improve the knowledge base and reading ethos of our entire population.

To this end, a physical space has been identified within the Library for the establishment of an ICT Centre, but it requires significant upgrade and outfitting to render it ready for use by the general public. Presently there are less than 10 computers available for public use. The plan is to increase the number of computers to 25 stations or more. Fortunately, we are close to obtaining some assistance with the procurement of computers. However, in order to make us of the computers the space must first be prepared and regrettably the financial situation is such that the Government of Anguilla is unable to make a financial contribution to this project.

The area in question is on the ground floor of the Edison L. Hughes Building, which the Library occupies. Preparation of the space involves:

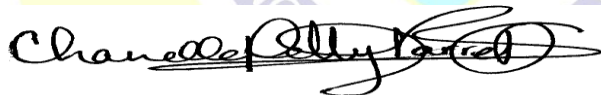
- Partitioning the space into two floors
- Installation of electrical and networking infrastructure
- Surfacing of floor (Masonry and tiling)
- Painting of area
- Installation of Workstations

It is estimated that the overall project costs will be approximately EC\$70,000.00 (USD\$25,765.00).

Through this medium, the Ministry of Social Development extends an invitation to APANY to partner with our Ministry, through the Department of Library Services, in the establishment of the ICT Centre. As outlined above, we view this project as a means of providing opportunities to the public at large for personal development. If you are interested in assisting us, a detailed breakdown of the costs involved can be provided.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. We trust that you will find this a worthwhile venture and we look forward to your earliest and most favourable response.

Yours sincerely



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