Faculty and Staff Diversity Mini-Grant Final Report

Project title: 2009 MLK Week Celebration at Ferris State University
Grant Recipients: the 2009 MLK Planning Committee
Date Project Started: January 18, 2009 – January 22, 2009
Amount of Money Funded by the Mini-Grant: $3,286.86

1. How was the grant used to address a diversity or inclusion related goal?
   Funding from the 2009 Diversity Mini-Grant for the 2009 MLK Celebration activities assisted in addressing the diversity related goal by creating events that fostered an environment for learning, collaboration inclusive for all of the University community.

2. Describe the audience that was impacted by the grant’s implementation.
   Provide quantitative data, if available. Over 1300 students, faculty and staff participated in events during the 2009 MLK Week Celebration at Ferris State University. Specifically 400 people participated in events such as the Soul Food Community Dinner and the Legacy Awards Dinner which were made possible through the grant’s implementation.

3. What is your overall assessment of the project’s impact on the Ferris community? How did this impact compare to what you expected?
   In assessing the 2009 MLK grant project’s impact on the Ferris community, the creation of successful opportunities for a diverse population mainly comes to mind. From networking to breaking down racial and/or social barriers, through the events funded by the grant individuals had the opportunity to learn more about each other and build relationships for the future. A partial quote from Dr. King comes to mind about “little black boys and little white girls being able to sit together” and the 2009 MLK grant funded opportunities for that to happen.

4. Present a final budget including all funds received and spent related to the project, with special focus on the funds received via the Diversity Mini-grant.*Please see attached budget for details.

Primary Grant Recipient’s Signature

Date 8/20/10