

Faculty Development Grant Application

I. Description of the project.

The proposal for my book, *Older Black Women and Economic Injustice: Exploring the Power of Sex, Spirituality and Sisterhood* was accepted for publication by Taylor and Francis/ Routledge in October, 2022. The contract (see attached see attached appendix) was signed in October 2022 with a delivery date of April 2023. However, I was unable to meet this deadline and I was subsequently granted an extension to deliver the final manuscript by September 2025. If this project is funded by the Faculty Development Grant, I will use the funds to complete the book during summer 2025 including finalizing the research for the book, i.e. interviews and thematic analysis of the data and writing the final chapters of the book and submitting it to the publisher (see II below).

Recent changes in our country and throughout the world have taken place to make this book more relevant now than ever before. *Recent research studies have examine the impact of increased social isolation and loneliness during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, financial insecurity during this time has also been explored. However, the intersection of racial status, financial strain, gender and age has not received much attention. Finally, with the recent election and current politcal climate, the intersection of race, gender and economic insecurity requires additional research. Much of the current discourse related to Black women can be described as deficit-based and is often rooted in pathologizing stereotypes. This book is relevant now more than ever as it will examine the ways in which older Black women have used sex, spirituality and self-identity to respond to economic insecurity in the past which can provide guidance and hope for the future.*

II. Measurable Goals and Outcomes for the Project

- Complete interviews and analyze data by July 30, 2025
- Completion of chapters by August 15, 2025
- Submission of chapters to Routledge by August 30,2025.
- Copyediting of book by October 31,2025
- Publication of book by January/February, 2026.

III. Time Frame of the Project: See above**IV. How, when and where and with whom the project's outcome will be shared**

The background research will be shared during Lincoln University's Research Symposium as well as other conferences (ABPsi proposal submitted for Aug 25), the FDG Report and other forums within the Lincoln University community. The intended readership of the book will be mental health professionals and students. Additionally, the intersectional nature of my research can

have interdisciplinary appeal with Lincoln University colleagues who teach other social science courses including, economics, political science, psychology, etc.

This book has broader impact beyond the Lincoln University community as the text will be useful for graduate level courses and professional development workshops focusing on: Race and Sexuality, Gender, Sexuality and Identities, and Diverse Concepts in Human Sexuality. The following represents a selection of institutions that teach these courses: Widener University; Modern Sex Therapy Institute; Antioch University; Institute for Sexuality Education and Enlightenment and all universities that have race and sexuality courses. Several professional groups would have a particular interest in this book including: American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists; Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians; National Association of African American Studies; Association of Black Psychologists.

V. **How will the outcome be measured?**

Successful completion of each chapter and the publication of the book by Routledge Publishers.

VI. **Budget request:**

Two months summary salary:

June and July, 2025 \$7000

Research \$1500

(Travel and expenses associated with conducting interviews, etc.)