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Dear County of St. Paul Council,

We are a nonprofit group in the beginning stages of forming the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation. This project will house visual arts studios, a musical theatre space, literary arts space, music spaces, a dance studio and programming offered for youth to develop and promote all aspects of the arts.

This is something that we feel will be very successful, and sustainable long-term with funds generated from workshops, fundraising, productions, and grants. We have secured a building, formed our Board of Directors and are in the process of forming sub committees to develop and oversee each program that will be offered.

We are now applying for Community Initiatives Grant to help with the cost of renovating our building. Currently there are no walls and so we will need to build some to create different spaces for our programs to run. The flooring needs to be replaced as the tiles that are on the floor are chipped, some are missing and the floor is quite uneven. For the dance component, a special spring floor will need to be installed to ensure the safety of our children. The electrical also requires a bit of work to put in proper lighting and adequate plugins to run the required equipment. The bathroom is in need of renovating and will need to be expanded to ensure there is room for handicapped access. Painting will also needed on most of the building walls.

As you can see, this is a big project that we have undertaken. We are hoping to begin offering programs in the very near future. Our team has been working hard lining up fundraisers and donations to get funds in place so the arts foundation can get up and running. Volunteers are ready to work hard to help with these renovations to help save on the cost. However, the sooner we can get the supplies needed to finish this project, the sooner we can start opening our doors to the community to come and experience the wide variety of programs that will be offered.

We are hoping that you would be willing to provide us with a letter of support to include with our CIP grant application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members of the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation.