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Dear County Council,

We are a nonprofit group who form the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation. This project houses 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 have formed sub committees to develop and oversee programs that will be offered.

We are now applying for additional funding from the provincial government in the new year to help with the cost of our building. Walls have been created for different spaces for our programs to run. Adequate flooring has been installed. For the dance component, a special spring floor has been installed to ensure the safety of our children. Electrical work has provided proper lighting and adequate plug-ins to run the required equipment. 95 % of the building has received new paint. This has all been done since programming began in September through angel investing and volunteers work!

In 2015 we will also be applying for provincial funding to help pay for the cost of the building. We have been a successful applicant for the federal grant called Enabling Accessibility in Communities. This will assist with the bathroom renovations which will need to be expanded to ensure there is room for handicapped access. The front door of our facility will also need to be widened for this same reason.

As you can see, this is a big project that we have undertaken. 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. We have cleaned up for the St. Paul Rodeo, done bingos, recycled bottles, and are engaging in our first annual New Year's Gala this coming December 31, 2014! Volunteers are working hard to help with these fundraising events to get a jumpstart on the payments required for ownership of our own facility.

We are hoping that you will see the benefits of a facility to house the St. Paul & District Arts Foundation to our community and surrounding area and will consider funding support in the upcoming 2015 year. We would be happy to come and do a presentation of this exciting project to council and invite council to tour through the facility.

Please contact us at mpdowntownartsstudio@outlook.com if you would like more information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members of the St. Paul and District Arts Foundation