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Dear County of St. Paul,

The St. Paul & District Arts Foundation is currently running a dance program in the community of Mallaig. We piloted the program in 2017 and are approaching the culmination of a second year on May 25, 2019. Our dance instructor teaches in Mallaig once a week, at Mallaig School, for five hours. There are currently eighteen registered participants, from the ages of seven to thirteen, that engage in Ballet, Hip-Hop, and Lyrical/Contemporary dance styles. There is also one additional student that takes private lessons and is considering competing in her first competitive festival this year. Participants of the Mallaig program are included in the annual Nutcracker performance and Spring Showcase in St. Paul.

The biggest obstacle facing the St. Paul & District Art Foundation is fairly compensating artists and instructors, while continuing to expand and offer arts programming to outlying communities. As this program is still quite new, we will require more students in order to cover the cost of instructor. In order to continue running a sustainable program in Mallaig, The St. Paul & District Arts Foundation is requesting \$2000 to offset the cost of the instructor.

Thank you for your consideration in helping us build a dance program in Mallaig. We are hoping to increase registration in this program in the coming years so that the program will be robust and successful. We are also open to expanding the program to include other arts disciplines and welcome further suggestions from the personnel at the County of St. Paul for additional funding.

Kindest regards,

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