



Mr. Kurt Hanson
General Manager, Community Services
City of Calgary
Sent via email

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Re: Letter of support for the Cultural Municipal Sustainability Initiative Program Update and Recommended Projects for Funding

Dear Mr. Hanson, *Kurt*

Calgary Arts Development has worked in collaboration with City Administration since 2006 in support of identifying cultural infrastructure needs in Calgary and developing an ensuing strategy to address these needs in alignment with the terms and conditions of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

Thanks to this partnership, we have leveraged investment and increased the inventory of cultural spaces available for the enjoyment of Calgarians. We have accomplished a lot since 2006 and have also identified further potential, possibilities and needs requiring our ongoing work.

As The City's designated arts development authority, Calgary Arts Development fully supports City Administration's Recommendations outlined in the Cultural Municipal Sustainability Initiative Program Update. As you can see from the data presented and the projects that have been identified, the funds needed to complete the Cultural Spaces Investment Program-recommended and City-owned projects exceeds the funds remaining. An opportunity to continue this strategic investment and support is essential in reaching the goals and outcomes presented in Living a Creative Life: An Arts Development Strategy for Calgary, The City's Action Plan outcomes and ImagineCalgary objectives.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to continue our engagement and partnership in pursuit of the efforts as presented in the report.

Sincerely,

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cc Mayor's Office
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