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Dear Jim,

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BH Dance Theatre

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Dakota Choral Union

Rapid City Arts Council

Rapid City Concert Association

Enclosed are the recommendations for the City Subsidy awards for 2010, as determined by the Allied Arts Subsidy Review Committee. As the chart indicates, five of the seventeen applications received this year are mandated by City statute or agreement. Providing the full level of funding for these five organizations would require \$140,000, well above the amount available, and would not leave any monies available for other arts organizations. As shown in the chart, fully funding all approved recommendations, agreements and statutes would require \$182,000. This does not take into account all application requests received in the current year, which totaled \$218,000.

With the current economic climate, we realize that future budgeting choices will be difficult. Given these circumstances, Allied Arts understands that a significant increase in the City Subsidy for 2011 may not be realistic. However, we recommend that the City consider gradually increasing the subsidy over the next several years, to a level that will provide for the full funding of agreements and statutes, as well as awards available for other arts organizations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this service to our community.

Regards,

Deidre Budahl, Chair
Allied Arts Fund
City Subsidy Review Committee

Chris Cengel
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Enclosures: 2010 Subsidy Awards Chart
2009 Applicant Statistics
City of Rapid City Municipal Code #2.84

cc: Pauline Sumption