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November 15, 2024

Dear Culture & Arts Applicant,

Re: Transmittal of RFI for Culture and Arts Grant Program

On behalf of the Culture & Arts Advisory Council, I am pleased to transmit the following Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) issued by the Advance Albany County Alliance (AACA). This document invites artists, cultural organizations, and community groups to express their interest in the upcoming AACA Cultural & Arts Grant Program. The program is designed to support County Executive Daniel P. McCoy's vision for economic growth and cultural development in Albany County by funding projects that foster creativity, community engagement, and artistic excellence.

As outlined in the RFEI, the AACA seeks to gauge interest from eligible individuals and organizations whose projects align with Albany County's goals of promoting cultural diversity, accessibility to the arts, and economic development through the expansion of arts initiatives. Eligible applicants may include individual artists, nonprofit cultural organizations, community groups, educational institutions, and private companies whose projects contribute to the county's cultural and artistic growth, such as architecture and design firms.

The RFEI provides a comprehensive overview of the program, eligibility criteria, and funding details, including grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$500,000, depending on the project scope. We encourage you to review the submission guidelines and consider how your project or initiative may contribute to the continued growth of Albany County's cultural landscape.

For those interested in applying, expressions of interest must be submitted by November 29, 2024, and we kindly request that you follow the guidelines provided

in the attached document. Please note that the RFEI serves as a preliminary stage for selecting potential applicants to proceed to the full grant application process.

This is an open-ended program, welcoming a wide range of innovative and unique project proposals that align with AACA's mission, allowing applicants the freedom to explore creative approaches to enhancing Albany County's cultural and economic vitality. AACA encourages applicants to be bold in their proposals, envisioning transformative projects that push creative boundaries and make a lasting impact on Albany County's cultural landscape.

Should you have any questions regarding the program or the submission process, please feel free to contact:

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We look forward to your participation and to seeing the innovative proposals that emerge from this opportunity.

Sincerely,


John Regan, Chair
Culture & Arts Advisory Council