

Memorandum

Date: February 10, 2015

To: Senate Institutions Committee Members, Peg Flory, Chair
House Institutions Committee Members, Alice Emmons, Chair

From: Alex Aldrich, Executive Director

Re: Cultural Facilities Grant Program and Ceremony (reminder)

It has come to our attention that the Governor's proposed Capital Appropriations Budget has zeroed out the Recreation, Historic Preservation, Barn, Technology, and Cultural Facilities grant programs.

Speaking on behalf of our many collaborators who work with us to bring these grant programs to constituents all over the state as well as the many constituents that expect to apply to these these critically important competitive grants, I am hopeful that the committees will restore these grant programs to their full state (approximately \$220,000 each).

With generations' worth of success to point to in supporting critical capital projects, large and small, in communities all over the state, we hope the committees will appreciate the competitive nature of these grant programs, as well as their transparent and accountable selection and review procedures. Our job, as administrators, is to ensure that the public trust invested in these projects is not misplaced.

Please let me know if there is anything I and/or our colleagues in the field can do to ensure that these grants continue to improve the quality of life for all Vermonters in, literally, every corner of our Green Mountain State.

Reminder: You are invited to this year's Cultural Facilities Grants awards reception, Wednesday, February 11, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Cedar Creek Room. The Arts Council will acknowledge the recipients of 16 Cultural Facilities Grants for FY2015.

Thank you!

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