

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 23, 2011

Mr. Rocco Landesman
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Re: Promotion of the Arts: Grants to Organizations and Individuals, CFDA 45.024

Dear Mr. Landesman:

I am pleased to write this letter on behalf of Beet Street based in Fort Collins, Colorado. They are working in partnership with the City of Fort Collins Cultural Services to secure federal funding through a grant administered by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Beet Street is a nonprofit corporation working to develop Fort Collins into a recognized arts and culture center. They are seeking to distinguish Fort Collins as a community that celebrates creativity. They are working to present year-round programming in conjunction with resources and advocacy for the arts.

With the funds received through this grant, Beet Street plans to create the *Rocky Mountain Regional Arts Incubator* and community arts center based in the historic Carnegie building located in downtown Fort Collins. Beet Street's strategy is designed to encourage education, growth, and professional development of the local arts and culture community. Additionally, they plan to partner with the City of Fort Collins Cultural Services, Colorado State University School of the Arts, Colorado Creative Industries, the Nevada Arts Council, and the Bohemian Foundation.

I ask that you give the grant application submitted by Beet Street every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your attention, and please notify my office of any funds awarded.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Udall
United States Senator

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