

ITEM(S) TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER:

Consent Item Old Business New Business Other

FOR COUNCIL MEETING DATED:	March 10, 2010
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STAFF MAKING REQUEST:	Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant Town Manager
BRIEF SUMMARY OF REQUEST:	The Town Manager's Office has received a letter from Mrs. Joan Rogers, Director of the Rocky Mount Center for the Arts, Inc., stating that they have applied for a challenge grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts in the amount of \$5,000 and that they are asking the Town to match this amount, with the money being put towards a much needed heating and cooling system, art equipment, and machinery. Mrs. Rogers has requested to come before Council to present this request.
ACTION NEEDED:	To approve / deny request of the Rocky Mount Center for the Arts, Inc. for the Town to match the \$5,000 challenge grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

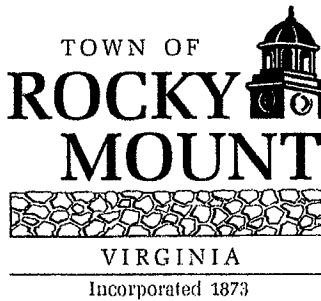
Attachment(s): Yes

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: (To be completed by Town Clerk)	GIVEN TO (DEPT. HEAD) (To be completed by Town Clerk)
COMPLETED ACTION: (To be filled in by Town Clerk) (To be completed by Department Head)	GIVEN TO TOWN CLERK: (To be completed by Department Head)
DATE COMPLETED AND ACTION TAKEN:	DATE GIVEN TO TOWN CLERK:

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February 26, 2010

Mrs. Joan Rogers
6525 Providence Church Road
Ferrum, Virginia 24088

Dear Ms. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter of February 15th. I will place your request on the agenda for the March 10, 2010 meeting of Town Council. Assistant Town Manager Matthew Hankins will contact you prior to the meeting to review the details of your request. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and provide an overview of your plans for the "Old Mill" and for the use of the grant funds requested.

I am very excited about the changes you bring to our fantastic downtown, and look forward to the opening of your new facility.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Hankins if you have any questions.

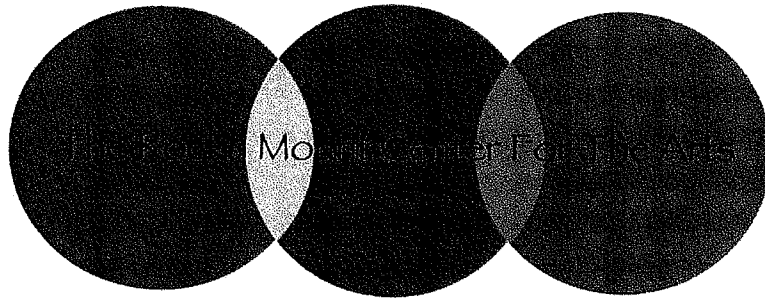
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. James Ervin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

C. James Ervin
Town Manager

CJE:phk

Cc: Matthew C. Hankins, Assistant Town Manager



To Whom It May Concern:

February 15, 2010

I am writing to present a new business item that I wish to bring before the Town Council at the next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2010. The Rocky Mount Center for the Arts, Inc. is in the process of development in downtown Rocky Mount. It is being formed to provide unique and meaningful arts programming, to educate the community in the arts, and to build a lifelong audience for the arts.

We believe that this organization will be the cornerstone for the proposed arts and cultural district in Rocky Mount. We also believe it will bring much needed tourism which in turn will boost economic activity in the area.

The Rocky Mount Center for the Arts is applying for a challenge grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The amount of the grant is \$5,000 and we are asking the Town of Rocky Mount to match this amount. This money will be put toward a much needed heating and cooling system, art equipment and machinery. The deadline for this grant is April 1, 2010. It is of utmost importance that we address this issue at this next council meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Rogers, Director
The Rocky Mount Center for the Arts, Inc.