



David Graves
 Major Projects Challenge Fund
 Seattle Parks and Recreation
 100 Dexter Ave N
 Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Mr. Graves:

I'm writing to convey the Associated Recreation Council's support for Volunteer Park Trust's **Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project** and its application for funding by the Major Projects Challenge Fund.

Volunteer Park is a city-wide destination that draws and supports a diverse cross section of Seattle's population. The new Amphitheater will provide an ADA-accessible, thoughtfully designed, effective performance space that meets the broad needs of Seattle's performing arts community. It will serve as a gathering place for people from all of our city's neighborhoods and for wide range of community groups such as the annual LGBTQ Pride Fest, Caribbean Sea Fest, Eritrean Independence Day Festival, and many others.

The Associated Recreation Council (ARC), in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation, serves Seattle by offering a variety of recreational and lifelong learning programs, classes and activities. ARC, incorporated in 1975 as an independent nonprofit organization, supports this work through the ARC Board of Directors and a system of 36 advisory councils:

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We greatly hope the Major Projects Challenge Fund will fund the Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Dear David:

Volunteer Park Trust is one of 70+ community groups for which Seattle Parks Foundation serves as fiscal sponsor. The Trust works with hundreds of volunteers and raises hundreds of thousands of dollars to enhance this beloved Olmsted Park.

The Trust is applying for Major Projects Challenge funding to construct a new amphitheater for the park and the city.

The existing amphitheater and its Great Lawn annually host thousands of people from all of Seattle's neighborhoods who attend major events such as Music in the Park, the Volunteer Park Pride Festival, and the Volunteer Park Criterium, to name just a few. The new Amphitheater will provide improved space for weddings, community gatherings, photography and film projects, dance, theater, concerts featuring all types of music from classical to hip hop, and more.

Volunteer Park Trust has done extensive and thorough community outreach to assure that performers, community organizations, neighbors, and the general public have had a voice in its design. The project will create an ADA-accessible performance space that meets the broad needs of Seattle's performing arts community. It will be Seattle's only outdoor venue with proper flooring to accommodate dance and meet actor union requirements for stage surfaces. And the project is consistent with the 2017 Parks and Open Space Plan.

Seattle Parks Foundation is proud to serve as fiscal sponsor for Volunteer Park Trust and supports its application to Major Projects Challenge Fund.

Thank you,



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President and CEO

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