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David Graves  
Major Projects Challenge Fund  
Seattle Parks and Recreation  
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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,



Thatcher Bailey  
President and CEO

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