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Dear David Graves:

I'm writing to convey Allied Arts Foundation's support for Volunteer Park Trust's Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project.

Founded in 1967, Allied Arts Foundation has supported arts in Seattle for over 50 years by providing 501(c)(3) non-profit fiscal sponsorship, artist awards, and arts advocacy, as well as other support as determined by the Board of Trustees. We serve as fiscal sponsor for over 35 arts organizations and working artists throughout the region. We have strong working relationships with each of Seattle's 14 public high schools.

The current structure serves as host to many underserved populations in Seattle, such as the LGBTQ community through the annual Pride Picnic and the AIDS Walk, the African American community through the Eritrean Independence Day Festival and the Modular On the Spot performances, and the Asian community through the many programs hosted at the Amphitheater by Seattle Asian Art Museum.

The Volunteer Park Amphitheater Project will provide Seattle with a first-class outdoor performance facility for everyone in Seattle to enjoy. As a covered outdoor public stage it will be unique in Seattle, creating a draw for people and organizations throughout the city. And it will be one of the few outdoor facilities in the country to support dance.

We applaud the extensive community outreach that Volunteer Park Trust has done, engaging not only current users of the existing facility, but also reaching out to organizations who would like to use the stage but cannot due to its many current limitations (concrete floor, lack of protection from the elements, no load-in or storage space, etc.). All these issues will be solved with the new Amphitheater.

We urge you to support this project with vital funding from the Major Projects Challenge Fund. It will have a lasting impact on this city for many years to come. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Llewelyn G. Pritchard  
President