



Board of Directors July 23, 2019

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Mr. Anthony Francisco
Director of Finance
City of Norman
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RE: Norman Arts Council Room Tax Fund Balance

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Dear Mr. Francisco,

Erik Baker
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On July 19, 2019, the Norman Arts Council's Board of Directors voted and approved the organization to request funds from the Room Tax Fund Balance to be transferred to the Norman Arts Council to fund the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits *Standards for Excellence* training and certifications for Norman arts organizations. While the board approved a request of up to \$20,000, we believe we can support this for a lesser amount and are therefore requesting \$15,000.

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Erinn Gavaghan,
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We at the NAC believe it is part of our mission to support each of the Norman Arts Organizations not only in their work to produce the highest quality arts programming to meet our community's needs, but also to be strong, well-functioning nonprofits. *Standards for Excellence* is a nationally recognized program that teaches best practices for nonprofit management, governance, and legal compliance. By investing in Norman Arts Organizations in this way, the City of Norman can be assured that public funding for the arts is being cared for by organizations that are highly trained in the rigors of nonprofit compliance.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information on this request for funding.

Respectfully,

Erinn Gavaghan
Executive Director
Norman Arts Council

