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January 26, 2016

Community Grant Program  
Douglas County Community Foundation  
900 Massachusetts, Suite 406  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Grant Review Committee Members:

This letter is to express my strong support for the grant application by the Douglas County Historical Society (DCHS) seeking funds to support the development and installation of an interactive exhibit kiosk exploring civil rights issues in Douglas County. The kiosk will be an enhancement to the Watkins Museum of History's second floor core exhibit.

As Mayor, I am well aware and proud of the community spirit and interest in local history among Lawrence residents. No organization exemplifies this better than the DCHS and the staff of its headquarters, the Watkins Museum of History. For over forty years, the Watkins has preserved the rich heritage of our community, educating the public about the struggles for freedom that mark the area's history.

The civil rights interactive display is a worthy and vital project. It will attract more museum visitors and educate them about events of past decades that put our city on the map, including the struggle for racial equality, student peace marches of the 1960s and 1970s, and the LGBT rights movement. Lawrence will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its historic Fair Housing Act next year, and the Watkins interactive display will inform visitors about this and other local civil rights milestones.

Lawrence occupies a special place in the history of social change in America. The civil rights interactive display at the Watkins will document that history and is eminently suitable for funding.

Sincerely,

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Interpretive Grant Program  
Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area  
P.O. Box 526  
Lawrence, KS 66044

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Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation Grant Program  
Douglas County Courthouse  
1100 Massachusetts  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Heritage Conservation Council Members:

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