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Porter Arneill, Director of Arts & Culture
Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
Lawrence City Hall
6 East 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66045

Dear Porter and Members of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission:

On behalf of the Lawrence Arts Center, we are writing to let you know that we recently filed an extension request with the ArtPlace America Foundation for Grant #N-13724, a \$500,000 grant originally awarded in 2014 to fund the creation of a publically designed artistic streetscape along six blocks of East Ninth Street in Downtown Lawrence by December 31st 2015.

This February, the Lawrence Arts Center requested an extension that would allow ArtPlace America Foundation grant funds to be spent on the artistic renovation of East Ninth Street until December 31st, 2018. In order for this extension to be granted, it would be imperative that funding for the East Ninth Project be included in the City of Lawrence's 2018 budget. In order to align with the requirements originally stipulated in the ArtPlace grant, City funding should be allotted for the "complete street" renovation of up to six blocks of East Ninth Street, and the City should approve the construction of the integrated artistic streetscape originally created by the East Ninth Project Design Team, to be paid for by the ArtPlace grant.

The Lawrence Arts Center seeks advice from the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission on how to move forward with the East Ninth project—and, specifically, the artistic streetscape elements of the East Ninth Project—in the coming months. For example, should the Arts Center submit East Ninth as a capital improvement project to the City's Capital Improvement Plan? Or, should the Arts Center attempt to have the artistic elements of the East Ninth Project placed on an upcoming agenda for consideration by the City Commission?

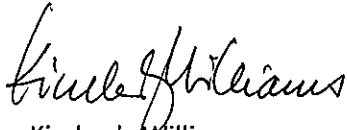
If artistic elements of the East Ninth Project are not included in the City's 2018 budget, the Lawrence Arts Center will either: 1) request a grant extension until December 31st, 2019, which may or may not be approved, or 2) return the remaining grant funds to the ArtPlace America Foundation. The ArtPlace America Foundation is scheduled to sunset in 2020, and the status of ArtPlace grant funds in and beyond 2019 is uncertain.

The Lawrence Arts Center and its constituents appreciate your thoughtful consideration

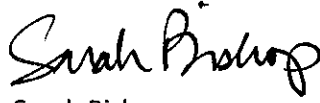


of the East Ninth Project extension and your efforts to move the project forward to completion in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kimberly Williams in black ink.

Kimberly Williams
Chief Executive Officer

Handwritten signature of Sarah Bishop in black ink.

Sarah Bishop
Chief Communications Officer