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Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council
Douglas County Courthouse
1100 Massachusetts St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Grant Review Committee:

I am writing in support of the Watkins Museum of History/Douglas County Historical Society's application seeking a Douglas County Heritage grant to support the installation of section of the museum's third floor core exhibit entitled "Douglas County Town and Country."

The Watkins Museum is an integral part of downtown Lawrence. This project will reinforce the Watkins Museum's position as a downtown cultural destination, enhance the experience visitors have at the museum, and expand the stories of Lawrence's heritage presented for visitors' education and enjoyment. The project will strengthen the Watkins Museum as a cultural heritage tourist destination and an attraction for local residents.

This grant will continue the transformation of the museum that started several years ago with the installation of new exhibits on the second floor of the Watkins Museum. The quality and value of this work is very high. Completion of this work will launch the museum's effort to achieve the same quality on the third floor. I have no doubt this work will be as successful in engaging the public.

I encourage the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council to support this project.

Sincerely,

Stuart Boley
Mayor

c: City Commission

