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To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: RE: 2018 Heritage Grant

From: Steve Nowak [<mailto:snowak@watkinsmuseum.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 3:08 PM
To: Diane Stoddard <dstoddard@lawrenceks.org>
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Hi Diane,

The DCHS/Watkins Museum is seeking a Douglas County Heritage Preservation Grant to help fund the installation of a section of the third floor core exhibit. Would the City be willing to provide a letter of support for the project? I have attached a draft and a description of the project is provided below.

Thanks for your help,

Steve

“Douglas County Town and Country,” the second section of the Watkins Museum’s third floor core exhibits scheduled for installation, will examine the lifeways of the people of Douglas County from the 1880s through the 1950s. Drawing extensively on the Douglas County Historical Society’s collection of tools, agricultural equipment, and consumer goods, and utilizing historic photos from across Douglas County, the exhibit will give visitors a look at what life was like for past generations and invite comparisons between how we live now, and what our community is like, with how things were “back then.” The exhibit comprises three sections: the first introduces Lawrence and Douglas County in the last decades of the 19th century and the growth of the community following the Civil War; the second explores life in Lawrence, long-time downtown businesses, and how lifestyles changed through economic expansion and technological innovation; the third section examines the role of agriculture in the growth of Douglas County, long-standing family farms, and the impact of agricultural associations and fairs. Two major interactive elements will explore growth and change along Massachusetts Street and give visitors an opportunity to experience the lives of Douglas County residents through the things they used every day.

Thanks for your consideration,

Steve