

Item #7D:
Village Trustee Borys
LGAMC Request For Funding 2016

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Board of Trustees
Village of Long Grove
3110 Old McHenry Road
Long Grove, IL 60047

Dear President Underwood & Village Trustees,

As in past years I will be standing before you on February 9th to request your financial assistance in helping The Long Grove Arts & Music Council continue our mission of creating a place for the arts in the Village of Long Grove. We are entering our eleventh season of extraordinary summer concerts and pop-up arts shows that support local visual artists.

I won't go into detail about our difficulties since you are well aware of the challenges faced over the past few seasons, but our group remains committed to moving forward. What I am personally very proud of is that our cadre of volunteers has changed little over this eleven year time period. To have these dedicated friends of Long Grove put in the hundreds of hours to keep the Arts & Music Council vibrant and alive and then sign up to do it all again year after year is a testament to the true character of this village.

For the past few seasons we have brought a theme to our concert series. In celebration of our tenth anniversary we offered some of our favorite performers from past seasons in an "Old Friends" program. This year we will be looking to America's past in an exploration of the roots of music in this country with an emphasis on Folk, Bluegrass, Jazz, Blues and a bit of where American music is headed in the future. We are also planning on using this theme in the context of visual arts as well.

For 2016 we have budgeted just under \$31,000 with \$19,000 set aside for performers. We are requesting \$9,000 from the current Long Grove budget and are hoping to receive an addition \$5,000 during the summer from the upcoming budget. Specifically, funds from the village would go directly towards the performances and, as in the past, we would thank the village for this grant in all of our promotional material.

With all of the upheaval that has taken place in the Historic Business District, the Arts & Music Council has been a consistent and positive force in Long Grove's downtown for over a decade. Each year we wonder if we should continue and each year we do. In large part because of the support we receive from the village. For this we are extremely grateful. We hope to keep going and with your help I know we can.

Sincerely,



Tobin Fraley
Founder & Director – Long Grove Arts & Music Council