



JCDA

Jefferson County Development Authority

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West Virginia Commission on the Arts
The Culture Center
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of the Jefferson County Development Authority (JCDA), I am writing to support the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission's grant application for funding for the Sam Michael's Park amphitheater project.

The JCDA recognizes tourism as a vital part of our local economy. With our strategic mid-Atlantic location just 60 miles from the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore metropolitan areas, Jefferson County is the perfect site for such a venue. The addition of an amphitheater and innovative programs will enhance our tourism economy, attracting new visitors and supporting the interlocking industries that provide creative services like our arts, film, design, marketing, and entertainment businesses.

In addition, this creative project will make Jefferson County even more desirable to companies and their employees looking to locate in our community as well as provide additional cultural opportunities for current residents.

We thank the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Commission for its many contributions to our community and support your efforts to increase our economic and community vitality with your amphitheater project.

Sincerely,



John Reisenweber
Executive Director