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Home of the Old Opera House Arts Centre
(Acting, Dance & Voice Studios) and the
Jean Heiler Art Gallery

Building Excitement for the Arts!

Jennifer Myers
Jefferson County Parks & Recreation
235 Sam Michael's Lane
Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442

Dear Jennifer,

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I just spoke with Neal Nilsen and he told me that you were applying for a grant with the State of West Virginia to construct a new outdoor stage at Sam Michael's Park. I wanted to express our enthusiastic support for this endeavor.

An outdoor stage will have immediate and significant impact on our community as a performance space for live music. Outside of the local schools, there are a limited number of performance venues in Jefferson County. It is not difficult to imagine bluegrass, jazz, country, rock, and classical music concerts filling the air from this stage on a summer's night. The opportunity for members of the community to gather for one of these performances will enrich the lives of everyone. The possibility that dance companies and theatre groups may utilize this stage at some point is also exciting. Although the Old Opera House has no existing plans to expand into outdoor drama, having this facility opens that possibility.

We wish you great success with this endeavor and we look forward to attending concerts and events on the new stage at Sam Michael's Park.

All the best,

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Old Opera House's mission – Excite and involve the community in all aspects of the performing and visual arts

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