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Subject: Township Parking Lot

Good Morning,

I hope you are doing well. I am writing on behalf of the executive board of Clio Center for the Arts. We truly appreciate the relationship we have with Vienna Township and the opportunity to operate within this space. We value our partnership and remain committed to maintaining the building and grounds in a responsible and respectful manner.

That said, we must be clear that we are not in a position to contribute several thousand dollars toward resealing a parking lot that is still fully operational and showing only minimal wear. This level of expense is simply beyond what our organization can absorb at this time.

As a nonprofit organization with very limited expendable income, our finances are extremely tight. In 2025, including all class fees, fundraisers, and grants (Art Share, Community Foundation roof contribution, Marlene Wilson Trust donation, and others), we brought in \$126,260.39 in total revenue. Our expenses for the year were \$125,992.96. This does not begin to reflect the substantial value of the unpaid volunteer hours contributed to keep the organization functioning.

While we are grateful for the use of this building and have made many positive improvements so that we can continue to grow, engage the community, and increase revenue, we have already invested a significant portion of our own funding, and the donated funds into the Township's asset over the past 12 months.

Last year, when we were asked to establish and maintain a maintenance and expense savings fund, we complied and worked diligently to do so, and have added to that fund regularly. However, the current request would completely deplete that fund, and more, at a time when we have not yet received any 2026 Art Share funding and are currently operating at a monthly deficit due to unusually high plowing and salt costs, increased Consumers Energy bills, and reduced program income during this slower season and uncertain economic times.

It is also important to clarify the intent of the Marlene Wilson Trust donation. This contribution was given specifically to help the art center thrive, grow, and further engage the community, a purpose that has been reiterated in personal conversations with Marlene since the donation was made. While we did use a portion of this fund as a

start-up for our maintenance fund, it was not intended as a means to funnel money into Township projects or to fund Township-directed infrastructure work.

Realistically, we are unable to participate in the Township's decision to reseal the parking lot at a cost greater than our gross monthly income.

We want to continue working collaboratively with Vienna Township, but we also need to advocate for the financial sustainability of our organization. We hope the Township can understand our position and consider alternative timing or funding options for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate the relationship and look forward to continuing constructive dialogue, whether in writing, at a formal public meeting, or a scheduled time when our full board can participate together.

Sincerely,
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Our Mission: The Clio Center for the Arts mission is to enrich our community by building partnerships to provide quality artistic experiences for personal growth for Clio and the surrounding areas.

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