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Omar Siddiqi
City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department
321 E. McKinney Street
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Dear Omar:

The Denton Festival Foundation, Inc. respectfully requests inclusion in the Original Denton District for the annual Denton Arts and Jazz Festival which will occur on October 4, 5 and 6, 2024. The Festival Foundation will be applying for \$15,000.00 in grant funds from the Texas Commission on the Arts for the 2024 event before the June 15, 2023 deadline. Grant funds received will be applied to professional musician salaries for the event.

The Denton Arts and Jazz Festival is a celebration of the arts and music enjoyed by over 225,000 annually who enjoy more than 2500 performances on six different stages. The music represents most every genre of music, dance, theatre and art. Artisans and Craftspeople from all over the country come to display and sell their wares. There is a Kidzone where the youngsters can create their own masterpiece or try their hand at a variety of musical instruments. The fun is rounded out by a huge variety of food around every corner. Most importantly, the event is free and open to the public to any and all can come and enjoy the festivities.

The Denton Arts and Jazz Festival celebrates community. The event is presented for the community by the community and it represents the unique cultural assets that make Denton unique. In short, it is all things to all people – a mirror image of the community in which it was born – part bohemian, part sophistication but totally and unapologetically 100% Denton. Three days of family fun made possible by more than 25,000 man hours each year given by the community to make it happen.

The Denton Festival Foundation greatly appreciates the past support and your consideration for continuing our participation in the Original Denton District. We also appreciate your continued assistance in marketing and promoting the event. Please let me know if you need updated photographs. All photos previously sent are owned by the Denton Festival Foundation, Inc. and we give full permission to the Original Denton District to use them as you see fit. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Lechler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Kevin Lechler, Executive Director
Denton Festival Foundation, Inc.