



**HALIBURTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
*A Community Futures Development Corporation*

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To: The Committee of the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, Canadian Heritage  
From: Haliburton County Development Corporation  
Re: Application for Funding: Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF)

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) supports community economic development that fosters sustainable, vibrant growth in Haliburton County. It has been our pleasure to provide assistance and encouragement to the incredible team working on the development of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF). It is evident that arts and culture play a significant role in the economic well-being and quality of life in our community.

The County of Haliburton has long been a promoter of the arts. We are home to the Haliburton School of the Arts at Fleming College since 1969 and three Studio Tours are held annually. The county has also attracted a number of full-time and part-time residents active in all disciplines of the arts – instrumental music, singing, film, stage, painting, sculpture, pottery, and jewelry – just to name a few. This centre's vision to provide space for theatre and recital hall experiences and to be a rehearsing home for community groups, multiple choirs, theatre companies, wind ensembles, folk bands, opera studio and growing chamber orchestra. Our County clearly has a base of support for the arts and a history of attracting incredible talent to live, work, and perform here.

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation has been diligently working towards the creation of an arts centre in Haliburton County. They have invested time into visioning, community consultation, site assessments, and more. HCDC is supportive of this group's efforts and has made a contribution towards the feasibility study that could set the stage for the implementation of this project. We look forward to participating in the process as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

Patti Tallman, Executive Director  
Haliburton County Development Corporation