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Honorable Wayne Powell, Mayor
Manhattan Beach City Council
David Carmany, City Manager
City of Manhattan Beach
1400 Highland Ave
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Dear Wayne, City Council and David:

On behalf of ARTS Manhattan Board of Directors, members, and our corporate sponsors, I cordially request \$10,000 of the \$20,000 grant to ARTS Manhattan, which was suspended during the financial crisis in 2009, to be resurrected as our organization is in great financial need to continue its programs. We also request to continue presenting two exhibitions a year at the Art Center, FALL & SPRING, as we did before.

Because of the challenges posed by today's rapidly changing social and economic environment, at ARTS Manhattan we believe art education and exposure is imperative to ensure development of the creative ability of our community members and youth to envision inventive responses to such changing and challenging environment.

Manhattan Beach and Greater South Bay seriously lack artistic livelihood and cultural art activities to justify the cultural needs of our present population. Formed in 1989, ARTS Manhattan, a grass root non-profit privately funded art educational organization with 501 (c) (3) status and federal tax ID # 95-4236205 is a response to community needs to enhance our cultural art awareness.

Our mission is to bring arts to Manhattan Beach and Greater South Bay and make arts accessible to our community through art education, exhibitions and multi-disciplinary art programs.

Our multi-disciplinary and educational programs include: Visual art exhibitions, dance performances, music concerts, performance art events, art conversations and soirees, art excursions to museums, private collections, art galleries, artists' studios and architectural tours – promoting four disciplines of art history, art criticism, art making and aesthetics.

Our art programs are innovative, educational, artistic and imaginative. We have expanded our audience every year. We were proud to be asked by the City of Manhattan Beach to curate and present the INAUGURAL EXHIBITION for the newly renovated Manhattan Beach Art Center in January of 2001.

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The Exhibition, curated by Homeira Goldstein, Chairman of the Board of ARTS Manhattan, was a smashing success and was extremely well received by the community. To date we have curated about 20 exhibitions at the Creative Art Center when we have been permitted to use the space.

Presently going under an upgrade to WordPress for its configuration, our web site: www.ARTSManhattan.org, presents the programs and chronological listing of our accomplishments during the past years. We will inform you as soon as the web site is back up in its new updated version.

We are proud to be the leaders in providing imaginative and innovative art programming and be in a leading position to make art a vital part of Manhattan Beach and our South Bay Communities. We have established a respected and viable organization among the art communities in Southern California. Our programs are usually evaluated by responses and feedback from the art communities and individuals experiencing them.

We truly appreciate your consideration in restoring the grant to this much needed art educational organization in Manhattan Beach. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at homeira@aol.com or 310.376.1790. You can also reach me at ARTS Manhattan: am@artsmanhattan.org 310.798.4904.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Homeira Goldstein

Chairman of the Board
ARTS Manhattan