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June 8, 2011

The Honorable Chris Collins, County Executive
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Collins:

The African American Cultural Center was founded in 1958 and today serves more than 3000 children and families in the heart of urban Buffalo, New York.

For more than 53 years, our programs and services have been a viable and critical resource for enhancing social behavior among African American youth through multidisciplinary training in the arts.

In keeping with our founding mission, our core programs – the AACC Dance and Drum Performance Company, Paul Robeson Theatre, Jumpin' Jambalaya Summer Program, Cultural Enrichment/Educational Directives for After School Program and Pine Grill Jazz Reunion, and sponsor 22 special programs that are presented throughout our community all of which – promote an appreciation and greater understanding of African American history and experience.

We are currently in need of funds for critically needed improvements to our physical plant at 350 Masten Avenue, which we have owned since 1969.

Funding to address the line items listed below will enable this agency to provide greater safety and comfort for existing patrons and clients. More importantly, it would also enable us to pursue audience development and capacity building strategies that will support a greater self-sufficiency.

We are in need of funding for

Steel Doors (4)	\$ 6,500
Upgrade of electrical system in the theatre	\$ 5,000
Security System	\$ 3,000
Rug for theatre floor	\$ 1,500
Collapsible risers	\$30,000
Mobile Performing Stage	\$50,000
Total	\$96,000

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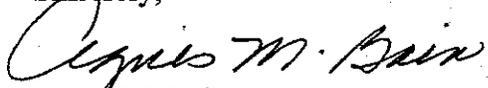
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Any consideration you can give to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Agnes M. Bain".

Agnes M. Bain
Executive Director

