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Ms. Kathy Konst  
Commissioner  
Erie County Department of Environment & Planning  
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Commissioner Konst:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to follow up on Music is Art's \$45,000 in approved funding for fiscal year 2010 (2010 Erie County budget book A, page 364, DEC 518139).

Despite this funding being legally approved by the Legislature and accepted by the County Executive through his choice not to veto said funding, in your letter dated December 28, 2009 you stated that this funding would not be immediately released and that a final determination regarding release of our funding would be forthcoming when the county closed its books for 2010, on or around March 31, 2011.

We are now long past that date, and in reading about the county's multi-million dollar surplus for 2010, I am eager to receive word from the county regarding this matter. Please send correspondence detailing when our funding for 2010 will be released.

As a reminder, Music is Art has complied fully with the terms of the contract we signed and returned to your office for this funding; including but not limited to submitting to your office proof of adding Erie County to our insurance rider and inclusion of the county's logo on our promotional materials.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me at 716-880-3377 or at [tkniazuk@musicisart.org](mailto:tkniazuk@musicisart.org).

Thank you,

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Executive Director

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