



## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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National Endowment for the Arts  
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Dear National Endowment for the Arts,

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I am proud to partner with the Minnesota Museum of American Art (MMAA) for the National Endowment for the Arts “Our Town” grant application. The planning, community engagement, and design of a new museum effort is a partnership between the Minnesota Museum of American Art and the City of Saint Paul. This creative placemaking will drive vitality for our city, fundamentally making it a more livable place with the arts at the core. The project activities will support an exciting planning phase of the new museum development to be located in the center of our downtown at the historic Pioneer Endicott Building. The City of Saint Paul has a strong track record of artist community engagement with an emphasis on cross-sector collaboration among local, private, and nonprofit sectors. This produces economic development, encourages creative activity, and creates community identity and a sense of place through the arts. This project is at ground zero of our city’s largest public sector investments, including the Central Corridor Light Rail project, Union Depot Transit Center restoration, a regional ballpark, a major concert hall at the Ordway Center, and a widely successful redevelopment of two downtown entertainment districts. As this project moves along, it will be a priority for my administration to make it a centerpiece of our downtown.

There is great potential for the Minnesota Museum of American Art’s “Our Town” project to ultimately provide a permanent home for the city’s only art museum. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman

Mayor