

Dear Mr. Thune:

The St. Paul Art Crawl benefits artists and audience from ALL of St. Paul. It allows artists from throughout St. Paul, from all wards, to make money from their art.

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> - The St. Paul Art Crawl draws about 18,000-24,000 visitors to St. Paul TWICE A YEAR. These visitors go to other businesses as well as to the artists.

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> - The St. Paul Art Crawl is instrumental in revitalizing Lowertown and the artists community.

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> - Even though the amount you requested for us is lower than we first asked for, we will use the money for event promotion, organization, and helping the artists and visitors.

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> - This is a great opportunity to support a wide variety of arts in St. Paul, and we are appreciative of the support.

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> Thank you for your time and for supporting the motion.

Jodie L. Ahern

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