

Council of the Arts, Inc.  
Artscape Gallery  
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Teri St. James  
City of Pell City  
1905 First Avenue North  
Pell City, Alabama 35125

Dear Ms. St. James,

Enclosed is our completed Pell City Application for Funding for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. In addition to the application form, the additional information requested is provided for your review and consideration:

Annual Budget, Tax Return, and Financial Statement. Our annual budget, 2018 IRS Form 990ES, and year-end financial statement are enclosed. Our financial statement was not audited by an independent accounting agency due to the low total revenue.

Direct funding or In=Kind Services from Other Government Entities: The Council of the Arts does not receive any funding or in-kind services from other governmental entities.

Additional Information: Artscape Gallery was founded in 2007 by the Council of the Arts in Historic Downtown Pell City as a co-operative gallery. The gallery provides a venue for local artists to collaborate, display, and sell their work. It is also a working studio, offering opportunities for people of all ages to work with and learn from local artists. Artscape Gallery is staffed by volunteers. Artist dues, workshop fees, and commissions are applied to operating expenses such as rent, supplies, and utilities.

Art enriches our lives and our community. It exercises the creative part of the brain. In our everyday lives it provides productive, nonaggressive methods of expression and stress relief. In addition to informal workshops throughout the year, in 2018 we once again hosted Art Camp sessions for children. The response from the students and parents was again overwhelmingly positive and we plan to continue this as an annual event.

In November we hosted a two day Holiday Makers Market in conjunction with the Pell City Players dinner theater and participated in Historic Downtown events including art projects for children.

Of the Art Camp students, all except one either live in or were visiting grandparents who live in Pell City or Cropwell. All of the officers and almost all of the workshop participants live in Pell City or Cropwell as do two thirds of the participating artists who pay rent to display and sell their art. State and local sales tax is collected and paid for all art sold by the Artscape Gallery. Many who visit the gallery to shop for unique gifts and art objects are from surrounding areas or even out of state. The Artscape Gallery fits with the overall Heart of Pell City plan for revitalizing the downtown area by giving people another reason to visit the Historic Downtown, which in turn benefits the citizens of Pell City.

Thank you for your consideration and past support. If you have additional questions or would like more information, please let me know.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janice Entler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janice" and last name "Entler" clearly distinguishable.

Sincerely,  
Janice Entler, President