



North Carolina Arts Incubator

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Commission George Lucier
Chairman of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner Lucier,

I am writing to thank you and the Board for the grant for a kiln yard at the NC Arts Incubator. Since last April, when we asked for the funding, the plans for an outdoor kiln yard have changed. We were not able to find a suitable outdoor space next to any of our buildings. We worked very industriously on this concept but negotiations fell through.

As a result, we have found a different solution to accommodate the many potters and ceramic artists that would like to have a studio at the Arts Incubator. We would like to convert the Underground Studios of the main building of the Incubator to a pottery facility. This basement area could accommodate at least 8 potters with kiln space available in close proximity to the studios.

We would like to request the \$20,000 grant money to be used for this facility. This would cover the additional wiring needs for kilns, upgrade the studio space for potters, and purchase at least 4 kilns. This underground pottery facility would truly be an asset for the Arts Incubator. We will be recruiting new potters and working with CCCC ceramics program to find suitable potters who need a beginning studio. In addition, the Incubator will be working with CCCC Small Business Center to provide marketing and business classes for the Incubator artists and the other potters that were displaced by the expansion of the CCCC degree program in downtown Siler City.

If this proposal meets your approval, I would like to request the grant funds of \$20,000 to implement the renovation of the Underground Studios of the Arts Incubator into a pottery facility.

Thank you again for your invaluable support for the Arts Incubator,

Cindy Edwards, Director