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VICE PRESIDENT FOR GRANTS

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Ms. Susan Brock, President  
Friends of the Moody Museum  
400 Porter Street  
Taylor, TX 76574

Dear Ms. Brock:

The Directors of the Meadows Foundation appreciate the opportunity to consider funding toward exterior renovations to the existing building. We must make many difficult decisions each day in choosing among the large number of proposals we are currently receiving, since we are able to assist only a few applicants. Because we have assisted your organization in the past, you are aware of our good opinion of your work. Unfortunately, we are not able to make the grant you have requested.

At our last meeting, our Directors considered more than 58 proposals totaling over \$4,381,300, and awarded only 18 with grants totaling \$1,519,200. While the Directors genuinely appreciate your organization's particular situation, there were so many critical and competing needs to consider.

Due to the volume of requests we receive, we normally cannot review additional requests from the same organization within the same twelve-month period. However, you are welcome to submit a new request after a year. We are genuinely sorry to disappoint you and certainly hope that other sources of funding can be found to meet your current needs.

Very truly yours,



Bruce H. Esterline

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