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Columbia Association Board of Directors
Columbia Association, Inc.
6310 Hillside Court, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046

RE: FY 2024 Inner Arbor Trust Funding

Dear Columbia Association Board of Directors:

The Board of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) is asking for budgetary support of the Inner Arbor Trust in the Columbia Association's (CA) FY2024 Budget. We feel strongly that CA should allocate an award of at least **\$215,943.00** to assist in funding the Trust's operating budget. This money is a small percentage of CA's overall budget and a worthwhile endeavor that benefits the entire community of Columbia.

Symphony Woods is vital to the Downtown Columbia community as an arts and culture park that everyone can enjoy. Its cultural programming, beautiful parkland and amenities are available for all visitors whether attending a concert at the Chrysalis, having a picnic, or enjoying a walk along the pathways and stream. So many residents here rave about the quality and diversity of events presented. And being mostly free, encourage inclusivity among those who might otherwise not be able to afford them. That being so, I am confused as to why the staff is recommending against funding.

We appreciate CA's financial support for yearly maintenance of the park and pathways but would also ask for FY24 operating budget support for the Inner Arbor Trust as CA has done in the past. This is an investment that will provide significant community benefits to thousands of residents and visitors that enjoy the Park each year.

Thank you for considering our thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lynn Foehrkolb

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