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Ms. [REDACTED] Richardson
Vice President of Programs and Strategic Initiatives
The [REDACTED] Foundation
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

It is our pleasure and privilege to submit, on behalf of those we are dedicated to serve, this request for funding support from the Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00. **The Bakersfield Performing Arts and Philanthropic Society (BPAPS)** considers itself to be an emerging and dynamic young nonprofit organization, eager to join other quality organizations in pursuit of improving the quality of life of disadvantaged young people throughout our great country. BPAPS was founded in Kern County, California, but we have worked assertively to establish our innovative approaches in Georgia. The name of our Georgia branch is **The Atlanta Performing Arts and Philanthropic Society** (BPAPS is the parent of APAPS).

We trust that our proposal is consistent with the Foundation's stated interests. Our organizational Mission Statement is as follows:

"Reducing the causes and consequences of poverty and socioeconomic inequities by empowering others to use their artistic talents and abilities to make optimistic and profound differences in their own lives, as well as in their communities and broader society"

We are a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Our specific project for which this funding is requested follows. We have attached to this letter your required forms and documents.

The Project is known as **The Women's Underground Project**, which coincides with our Compilation and Compositions program. Seven Women from Fulton, DeKalb, Clayton, Cobb, Gwinette, Fayette and Carroll County will be responsible for aiding APAPS in formulating an APAPS Empowerment Compilation Album involving underrepresented community members from the seven counties. The Women will also be responsible for gathering financial and in-kind resources in order to put those resources towards the Album as well as expanding their knowledge in Philanthropy and the Music and Entertainment Industry. The Empowerment album will address and articulate emerging issues such as social, political, and economic inequity, and ongoing issues that happen in the personal lives of the underrepresented compilation participants.

We wish to utilize the funds requested from AWF to formulate the album; create a single hit video introducing the album; provide our Underground Participants and Staff with stipends; promote the album to community members that dwell in the seven counties; and promote the album to individuals regionally and nationally, so that we may host our album and single hit video that represents the album on major media networks such as **BET** and **MTV**.

Along with this proposal, we are enclosing an example of the proposed project by way of an Empowerment Album and video that we were funded to implement in the state of California, by the Women's foundation of California which dramatically conveys better than the written word how our efforts are touching young impoverished lives. We hope you will have the time to view it, and enjoy it as much as we often do when we need reaffirmation of our purposes.

We sincerely appreciate the Foundation's consideration of our proposal, as we do your efforts in strengthening our nation's communities.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Founder and Chief Executive Officer