



BREAKING NEWS!

A week ago, a delegation of six Arcadia Project volunteers went to Richmond to lobby members of the appropriation committee. Our delegate, John Avoli, has proposed a \$250,000 budget appropriation. This money will support the 1:1 match we need for the \$1.5 million dollar Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF) grant we will submit in June to renovate the historic theater at 125 E. Beverley Street.

With one-off funds designated from the American Rescue Plan Act to the IRF, this grant is *once-in-a-lifetime opportunity*. Securing matching funds is urgent and support from the VA General Assembly is vital to making that happen.

You can make this possible by sending a few emails!

Members of the appropriation committee are more likely to vote "YES" for this appropriation if they hear from YOU.



L to R: Grace Gardner MBU '24, Thomas Wagner, Pamela Mason Wagner, Delegate John Avoli, Cass Cannon, Stanley Grimm, Fred Blanton

WRITE A DELEGATE!

Below is suggested language for an email and a list of the initial delegates who will vote **next week**. Your timely support is essential. We are requesting our supporters to send emails before **Tuesday, February 1**.

Email Template:

Dear [Name of Delegate]

I write to you as a resident of Staunton. I am excited about the plans to revitalize an important and historic downtown building. We would like you to support Delegate Avoli's budget appropriation **#386#13h**. It will provide \$250,000 to the City of Staunton renovation of the Dixie Theater.

Our community has been hit severely by the pandemic; we've lost many restaurants and entertainment venues in our downtown. This money would further the Arcadia Project's 1:1 grant match for \$1.5M from the Industrial Revitalization Fund. This investment in our community would be transformational for the citizens of the Shenandoah Valley.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

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