



**Town of Middlebury
77 Main Street
Middlebury, VT 05753**

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Agency of Commerce & Community Development
One National Life Drive
Deane C. Davis Building, 6th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Dear Agency of Commerce & Community Development (ACCD),

On behalf of the Town of Middlebury, we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the Town Hall Theater's (THT) grant application for the ACCD Community Recovery & Revitalization Program.

THT's capital project, which will transform its theater into a regional performing arts center, will serve as a key economic driver and is closely aligned with the Downtown Master Plan, completed in 2020, of which Arts & Culture and Town Hall Theater were focal points.

In Addison County, THT currently attracts tens of thousands of patrons each year who dine, shop, and stay in Middlebury and surrounding areas. With additional space and expanded programming, we believe that the economic impact of the new performing arts center will have a positive ripple effect on Middlebury and surrounding communities.

Thank you for giving serious consideration to THT's performing arts expansion – and the economic impact that comes with it.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Carpenter, Chair Lindsey Fuentes-George, Vice Chair Heather Seeley

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