# FY 2020 TOWN GRANT REQUEST

Organization Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Contact Person:
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Summer Arts and Festival Organization
PO Box 1614
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Jane Isaac
summersendinfo@gmail.com

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#### www.eqsummersend.org

March 3, 2019

Dear Members of the Town Council,

It is with great pleasure that the Summer's Arts Festival Organization (SAFO) is requesting a grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the FY 2020 to continue assisting in the partial funding of the Summer's End Concert. For more than 20 years, SAFO has been providing this community cultural event bringing residents out to celebrate together and Rhode Islanders to visit East Greenwich. Our organization, and this concert, are one of the many important things that make East Greenwich a desirable place to live and visit which supports our local economy.

While we recognize that this is a significant increase from prior years, costs associated with this event have also continued to rise each year. Currently, the cost to put forth the event is edging over \$50,000. The Town Council's contribution of \$15,000 would be an indication of its commitment and continued partnership.

As you know, it's the hard work of the SAFO board volunteers, donations from residents, sponsorships from local and statewide companies, and the financial support provided by the town that has kept SAFO, its activities and grants to students an important part of our community. This year, in addition to the production of the event, we will need to replace tents, and banners that have been worn from use, and a significant increase in insurance costs.

Two years ago, SAFO developed Race to the Stage, an "American Idol" style singing one-day competition that brings forth great local talent at the Greenwich Odeum to compete for a spot at the Summer's End concert. We look forward to the April 28<sup>th</sup> competition and hope you can come support as well.

As you know, this a great local organization which continues to highlight the arts and music in our community and is a great asset to the residents. We hope the Town of East Greenwich will continue its partnership and consider increasing its annual si support for FY 2020. Thank you on behalf of the board!

Sincerely

Jessica Norris Granatiero, Treasurer

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### Summer Arts and Festival Organization

The East Greenwich Summer's End concert is brought to you by the Summer Arts & Festival Organization, a 501(c)(3)nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing music and the arts to the East Greenwich community.

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## Town of East Greenwich

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February 19, 2019

Jane Isaac, President Summer's End PO Box 1614 East Greenwich, RI 02818

Via EMAIL summersendinfo@gmail.com

Dear Jane,

The Town of East Greenwich is in the process of assembling its fiscal year 2020 annual operating budget. If you are seeking funds from the Town, you must submit a written request to the Town Manager's office on the enclosed form by Monday, March 4, 2019. This request should include the amount requested, proposed budget, and other funding sources. Any fund balance or reserves should also be identified and submitted. A copy of your last audit is also requested.

Please note that submitting this request does not guarantee that any funds will be allocated to you.

Sincerely, Keph Duarte. P

Acting Town Manager/Director of Public Works

Cc: Finance