

Attn: City of Douglas Council
City of Douglas
425 E 10th Street
Douglas, Az 85607

June 23, 2025

Dear City of Douglas Council,

The Last Supper Museum America Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Douglas, Arizona, respectfully submits a "Gift Grant" request to the City of Douglas for funding to support our mission of preserving cultural heritage, fostering arts education, and serving our rural community. We seek \$10,000 to enhance our community programs and facility upgrades, with project implementation beginning July 11, 2025.

Community Impact - Douglas, a rural town of approximately 16,000 residents, faces economic challenges and limited access to cultural opportunities. Our programs address these needs by providing free arts education supplies, supporting local artists, and preserving cultural heritage. The museum uses a large space to collect clothes, shoes, housewares and books for our community thrift shop. These items are free to whoever needs them - open 6 days a week. In 2024, we served over 1,500 guests. We project serving 2,000 visitors and 150 students in 2025, strengthening community engagement and economic vitality through cultural tourism.

Douglas Arizona is in need of support. A stumbling economy, neglect and the current political climate have drained our historic city of spirit and growth. There is no youth center, no gathering place for our children and no economic development in Douglas, days on end, zero tourists coming downtown. Our museums mission is to create safe havens and art opportunities for our children. With over 2,000 logged community service hours a year on average, the last supper museum exists to serve, to elevate the hearts and minds of all in our beautiful, spiritual and hardworking people at the border.

Organization Overview - The Last Supper Museum, situated in a 121-year-old, 13,355 sq. ft. historic building in the heart of Douglas, Arizona, houses the world's largest collection of Last Supper-inspired art, with over 2,000 pieces from diverse artistic mediums worldwide. Our mission is to provide an educational and entertaining museum experience, offer arts education and supplies for youth, and support the less fortunate through meals, clothing, and outreach programs. In 2024, we received two grants from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to address lead, asbestos, and mold, enabling us to expand our facility safely.

Project Description - This grant will fund two key initiatives starting July 11, 2025:

1. ****Arts Education Events**** will host 3 "Night at the Museums!" events, "touch tours" available for our visually impaired, special needs community. We aim to expand our arts education programs for youth in Douglas, a rural border community with limited access to cultural resources.

- coloring books & musical toys, free bottled water & cold root beer

2. ****Facility Addition****: Room 2 final rejuvenation to house a 23' wide last supper life-sized display

- 700 sq. ft. "finishing touch" for room 2.

- Gain organic press about the Museum expansion

- Enhancing community pride and tourism through our "one-of-a-kind museum".

****Budget****

Total: \$ 10,000

Sustainability - The Last Supper Museum sustains operations through donations, grants, and visitor contributions. Recent grants from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality demonstrate our ability to secure funding. We are working with grant writers and groups that help 501c3 non-profits, specifically in

Arizona.

Conclusion - We respectfully request \$ 10,000 from the City of Douglas to expand our arts education programs/supplies and facility addition at the Last Supper Museum. This investment will empower our border town, preserve cultural heritage, and provide opportunities for youth. With the support of the city, the museum becomes a world-class destination that is a 6 day a week contribution to the city. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely, Eric Braverman
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