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To Mayor and Council,

Theatre NorthWest will be applying to the Cultural Infrastructure Grant from NDIT. We plan to apply for a grant up to \$300,000 and will submit our application by the April 30 deadline. The name of the account from which the funds would be paid is most likely the Prince George Regional Development Account.

The project for which we'll be applying involves making several important, long-overdue, and essential equipment upgrades to ensure the continued functionality and viability of our theatre. The individual components of our project include:

1. Replacing our failing, incandescent stage lights that are between 25 and 40 years old with modern, energy-efficient LEDs
2. Replacing our old lighting console (which cannot be upgraded beyond Windows XP) with a modern one that's capable of controlling modern stage lights
3. Installing 14 new, dimmable LED light panels in our rehearsal space/lobby to replace our existing, long-burnt-out and minimally useful fluorescent lights
4. Installing thermo-regulating blinds on all the windows in our rehearsal space/lobby
5. Replacing our aging, temperamental, and basic sound system with high-quality, modern sound equipment specialized for the presentation of musicals

We ask that Council supports our application to NDIT for this project. Please, include this topic in the next Council meeting agenda.

Here is the wording of the resolution we wish for Council to consider and support:

That the City of Prince George supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from Theatre NorthWest for essential lighting and sound upgrades.

Sincerely,

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