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**October 6, 1998**

**Mr. John Puterbaugh  
Chairperson  
Miami Valley Folk Dancers  
5420 Pickford Drive  
Dayton, Ohio 45432**

**Dear Mr. Puterbaugh:**

**We have reviewed your request for a grant of \$2,000.00 to purchase audio preservation materials.**

**I regret to inform you that the request was not granted.**

**Nevertheless, we wish the Miami Valley Folk Dancers continued success.**

**Sincerely,**

**Judith M. Thompson  
Director of Grants and Programs**

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# Miami Valley Folk Dancers

Dayton, Ohio

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5420 Pickford Dr.  
Dayton, OH 45432

September 16, 1998

Mr. Darrel Murphy  
The Dayton Foundation  
Kettering Tower  
Dayton, OH 45402

Dear Mr. Murphy,

The Miami Valley Folk Dancers are requesting a grant of \$2000 to purchase equipment and materials in a compact disk format in order to update and preserve recordings for its programs.

The Miami Valley Folk Dancers were founded 45 years ago, and were originally sponsored by the Dayton Recreation Department. The group is open to everyone in the community and provides participants opportunities to learn international folk dances from the club's vast repertoire. Presently there are over 100 recordings available to help meet the major dance objectives of the group. Membership includes an age range from 10 to the 80's. Annual dues are minimal so that everyone can join.

Throughout the history of the club, demonstration dance programs have been provided to the community. The group is active with Cityfolk and works cooperatively with the Culture Works activities in our area.

The current collection of vinyl recordings has deteriorated over the years. In addition, many of these old records are no longer available commercially. In order to preserve these recordings they must be transferred to compact disks. The Miami Valley Folk Dancers propose purchasing a CD player/changer plus sufficient CD blanks to record all existing records and tapes. The cost of the CD player is \$1000. The remainder of the grant request will be used to purchase the blanks. The time required to produce the CD disks will be provided by members of the club.

This change will help to preserve this music and to insure that international folk dancing will be available for all interested citizens of the Miami Valley.

We would be pleased to meet with your representatives personally to discuss our proposal. We look forward to a positive response.

Sincerely,

John Puterbaugh, Chairperson