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ATTN: Marie Harrington
K'ima:w Medical Center
535 Airport Rd
Hoopa, CA 95546

Dear Ms. Harrington,

Thank you for your recent conversation with our representative Lou Moerner regarding a proposed mural for the K'ima:w Medical Center. We at the Northern California Indian Development Council are excited to learn you are interested in collaborating on this Mural project. The NCIDC Da'luk youth project aims at creating a stimulating, engaging environment in which our Native youth can re-engage with their peers and their culture after a long period of isolation. Through our various one-day events, such as basketball and roller skating clinics, NCIDC has supported local youth in meeting adult role models through structured activities with their family, friends and peers. Ensuring cultural connection and wellness are connected to each of these activities is the purpose of the Da'luk Youth Program.

Art as an expression of culture is a large component of the Da'luk project, and supporting youth to learn from their peers is an additional benefit. NCIDC will support 2-3 artists and two apprentices in the creation of three murals: two on the coast and one in the Hoopa region. Your input and guidance, along with NCIDC/ Da'luk Program, will assist in directing the artist in the style and form the K'ima:w mural will take. Our goal is the creation of art that represents what it is to have a healthy American Indian identity, or another representation of health according to the guidance of the K'ima:w staff and NCIDC Da'luk Program.

There will be no cost to K'ima:w Medical Center and minimal staff time will be encumbered in this process, as NCIDC are fully funding the artists and youth by providing funding for all necessary supplies. Liability for the artist will be covered by NCIDC. Our next steps, upon approval from K'im:aw Medical Center is to secure a Native American artist within the local community, who will be contracted to create the actual mural and also be present with Native youth who will be assisting with the mural. After approval and finalization of the artist, design, timeline and press release/community announcement, the Da'luk Program anticipates this mural project to take place and come to completion anytime between June and July of 2022.

We look forward to our next steps of planning and eventual painting of this new mural. Please let us know when it will be convenient for your staff to have a meeting to discuss next steps and logistics by contacting Lou Moerner at lou.moerner@gmail.com or calling her directly at 707-683-6172.

Sincerely,

Vincent Feliz, Da'luk Program Coordinator

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