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MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF VERNON AND THE VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

Mayor Jason L. McCoy today announced that the Town of Vernon is the recipient of a \$1.5 million dollar grant to help establish an Arts Center in Vernon from the Bond Commission.

The state grant will help remodel a former "Kindergarten Building" at 709 Hartford Turnpike for use as the Vernon Community Arts Center. Needed work includes a new stairwell, an elevator, building-wide renovations and improvements to bring the bathrooms in line with standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mayor Jason McCoy said "I am thrilled that we are chosen to receive the funding for the Vernon Community Arts Center." Mayor McCoy said, "It is only logical", since Vernon has always been the center of urban and suburban life in Tolland County." McCoy explained, "Vernon is known for its rich history, historic buildings and homes, shopping, hotels and dining, business and industry, health care and hospital, museums, parks/lakes, walking trails, which are easily accessible throughout Vernon due to its multiple entrances and exits on and off Route 84." McCoy said "With this Community Arts Center everyone in Tolland County will now have local access to performance, exhibitions, and the arts. This is an incredible addition to Vernon as well as Tolland County."

The funding for the Vernon project is coming from previously allocated Urban Act Funds that did not go forward. Special thanks to Governor M. Jodi Rell for assisting Vernon to bring the "Arts" to, present and future generations to enjoy.