Black Mountain Center for the Arts
225 W State Street
Black Mountain, NC 28711

April 8, 2026

Town of Black Mountain
Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager and Finance Director
160 Midland Avenue
Black Mountain, NC 28711

Dear Richard:

The Black Mountain Center for the Arts (BMCA) is requesting a five-year extension to the lease for 225 W State Street dated August 14, 2003 with an original term of 25 years. According to the lease's page 2 paragraph 3 "Terms", the BMCA may request a five-year extension every five years on the anniversary date of the lease. While the BMCA did not make an extension request in 2023, and while it is more than one year in advance of the next 5-year lease anniversary, it is important to the BMCA's stability and funding to receive a 5-year lease extension at this time.

As BMCA continues to submit proposals for grants and foundation funding, it is becoming increasingly important to the granting organizations that BMCA will be able to stay in its current location for more that two additional years.

BMCA has proven itself over more than 20 years as a growing provider of a wide range of arts opportunities for the Black Mountain community. Its financial management is prudent, and its Board and staff remain committed to the careful use and maintenance of our historic building.

BMCA looks forward to your response and any desired continued discussion regarding our lease extension request.

Sincerely,

Mary Fallert
BMCA Board Chair

John Hall
BMCA Interim Director