



# Minnesota Area Telangana Association ( MATA )



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To Capitol Funding Committee Chair,

SEWA-AIFW is a longtime partner of Minnesota Area Telangana Association (MATA) for many different community enhancement projects.

In recent years, MATA and SEWA-AIFW have worked together for health screening camps, mental health counseling and COVID-19 relief awareness drives. The SEWA-AIFW's Cultural Service Center The project will help advance overall operation and accessibility to support the wider community.

The initiative allows SEWA-AIFW to acquire, renovate, and equip the SEWA-AIFW Cultural Service Center in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota will create a safe space for the community in Minnesota, but it will also increase SEWA's capacity to assist, train, and provide overall support The community is in need. MATA is looking forward to the success of this project to continue to provide SEWA-AIFW to advance the organization's mission and vision.

MATA looks forward to supporting this project and ongoing work in our community. SEWA has provided invaluable services to low-income and limited English-speaking South Asians in Minnesota since 2004. MATA appreciate that SEWA-AIFW provide free and bilingual health screenings, SNAP outreach, Meals-on-

Wheels, mental health counseling, youth sports and leadership programs, and support to survivors of sexual or domestic violence. In recent years SEWA has expanded services and has consistently increased the number of people served yearly. By creating the SEWA-AIFW Cultural Service Center, SEWA can continue to grow, meeting the needs of our South Asian communities.

We urge the passage of this important legislation to provide a crucial, long-term investment in the health and well-being of our South Asian communities, and all the Minnesotans served by SEWA-AIFW.

Thank you,

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