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To Whom It May Concern,

SEWA-AIFW is a longtime partner of India Association of MN (IAM) for many different community enhancement projects.

In recent years, IAM and SEWA-AIFW have worked together for health screening camps, mental health counseling and COVID-19 relief food drives. The SEWA-AIFW's Cultural Service Center 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 to community is in need. IAM is looking forward to the success of this project to continue to provide SEWA-AIFW to advance the organization's mission and vision.

IAM appreciates that Sewa-Aifw provides 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. In a year when the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to lay bare Minnesota's existing racial disparities, opportunities centering Minnesota's communities of color are more critical than ever.

Thank you,

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*India Association of Minnesota (IAM), founded in 1973, is an umbrella coalition organization representing 50,000+ Asian Indians (the second largest group of foreign-born Minnesotans) and 50+ partner organizations that represent cultural, regional, service, spiritual, religious, and social causes across the community.*