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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our unreserved support for **Arts Capital's** application for artsACT Arts Centre Investment Funding 2023 – 2027.

As an emerging arts organisation that has been nurtured and supported by Arts Capital since our inception, Girls Rock! Canberra (GR!C) is a testament to Arts Capital's continuous and generous support of emerging arts organisations and practices. Girls Rock! Canberra would not be in the position we are without Arts Capital's generous and consistent support, and their unwavering championing of young and emerging arts collectives, workers and artists in the ACT.

Arts Capital has supported our vision of running a contemporary music program for young people of marginalised gender identities through practical and financial means. We have received logistic and project management mentorship, generous discounts on residency and venue hire fees, auspicing services from 2016-2018, and have been welcomed into a vibrant community of local artists and resident organisations. While developing Rock Camp as a program, GR!C Founder and current Co-Director Chiara Grassia received significant mentorship from Arts Capital senior staff, and this support has continued as GR!C transitioned from an annual program to a not-for-profit arts organisation in 2019.

Arts Capital shares and elevates our vision for increased participation of young people of marginalised gender identities in music in the ACT, and in creating safe spaces for young people to create, learn and collaborate together, and develop their artistic practice. Arts Capital has supported us to create a culturally safe and welcoming environment for our campers, allowing our young people to actively participate in the arts.

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Collaboration is one of our core values and it is invaluable to be part of the dynamic and thriving artistic community at Ainslie and Gorman Arts Centres. Being part of this community has given us the opportunity to develop long-term connections with artists and organisations that share our values, and has enriched the quality of our programming at Rock Camp.

Investing in Arts Capital will ensure that Arts Capital can continue to offer a high level of support to other emerging organisations, programs and artists. This cultivates a strong, inclusive and interconnected arts community in Canberra, that is resilient and innovative. Ainslie Arts Centre is our home and we intend to continue working with Arts Capital into the future.

We wholeheartedly commend Arts Capital's application. Please contact us if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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