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Dear Patrick:

On behalf of the Library's Grant Management Committee we want to thank you for participating in this year's Mini Grant program; regretfully, we must inform you that the committee did not recommend funding of your proposal.

The committee received 13 grant proposals this year and, of these, 4 have been funded. Committee members evaluated all proposals according to the same criteria: individual merit and innovation, presentation and completeness of the proposal, appropriateness of the budgetary request, and long-term benefit to the library and university (including the potential to attract additional funding).

Although the committee found merit in all the proposals, some did not meet the standard of long-term benefit while others involved funding issues that passed beyond the scope of the mini-grant program. In particular, a number of proposals requested funding for work or acquisitions that are, in the committee's opinion, more appropriately addressed through other funding sources in the library budget.

The committee had the following comments about your proposal:

The proposal would have benefited from a stronger statement of how the requested materials could enhance the teaching mission at the school of journalism and the library's role in it. Statistics about projected use or letters from journalism faculty stating their need for the materials (or their planned use of the materials in coursework) would have made this proposal more competitive.

Committee members also noted that there are other perhaps more sustainable ways of acquiring these materials. Peter McKay, a Committee member, would like to discuss this with you.

He will be calling you to determine if you want or need clarification on this feedback.

Sincerely,

The Grant Management Committee:
Cathy Martyniak, Chair
Erich Kesse
Jan Swanbeck
Peter McKay
Grace Strawn
Kelley Cunningham, Grant officer
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