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As you are aware, the TAMU Horticulture Gardens have recently experienced fiscal challenges that threatened our ability to sustain operations. I am pleased to report that, thanks to the generosity of donors and the local community, it appears we have identified sufficient bridge funding to keep the Gardens open while we develop a strategy for long-term, sustainable funding.

The purpose of this letter is to formally request $10,000 from the city of College Station to help with bridge funding for the Gardens. These resources, as well as those from the City of Bryan and generous private donors will be administered through Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas A&M Foundation.

The willingness of the city to help support our operations is much appreciated. We believe the Gardens are an important community resource and are committed to do everything possible to keep them open. We look forward to working with you in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration.

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