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Dear partners,

I wanted to reach out to all of our supporters over the years to share some exciting news. Late last year we were thrilled to be recognized by the state of Massachusetts for the opportunities we provide for craftsmen, designers, engineers and makers and the positive impact we make on the economy. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Jay Ash announced a \$100,000 matching grant to the Artisan's Asylum through MassDevelopment. We have just received the terms of the grant and invite you to participate!

The grant has been earmarked for three areas:

- Upgrade of design center computer systems
- Acquiring laser etching machines and building out digital fabrication
- Design and construction of an accessible and engaging entrance to the building

While we have some support, and individual donors have stepped up to help make the match, I think this is an unprecedented opportunity for our corporate partners. Matching this grant and executing well on the projects are essential to the future of the Artisan's Asylum. Beyond the many benefits of supporting the Artisan's Asylum, participating partners will be mentioned in a number of upcoming announcements, celebrations and will be featured in the unveiling of our updated facilities.

Massachusetts has made a strong show of their commitment to supporting design and innovation in the state and this is your chance to join the commonwealth and us in developing new innovations, small business and building a community of expertise to support prototyping, development and fabrication.

Partners interested in seizing this opportunity will need to confirm their pledges by February 25th and complete donations and support by May 31st. With your support we can continue our mission to promote the teaching, learning and practice of fabrication in the state of Massachusetts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Seabury".

Derek Seabury
Executive Director