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Good Morning Cidalia,

As discussed, I am writing to formally request funding in support of our upcoming celebration of the Fair's 125th anniversary in 2026.

Although we are still in the early planning stages, we are excited to mark this major milestone with meaningful programming that reflects the rich agricultural history of our community and highlights the Fair's ongoing impact.

We are seeking funding in the amount of **\$19,750.00** to support the following initiatives:

1. **Historical Exhibit – 125 Years of the Fair:**

We plan to research, curate, and display historical documents and artifacts that tell the story of agriculture in Maple Ridge and the evolution of the Fair over the past 125 years.

2. **Enhanced 4-H Programming:**

Additional funding will enable us to expand current 4-H initiatives, supporting youth-led storytelling projects that showcase family involvement in agriculture and long-standing ties to the Fair.

3. **Community Entertainment and Activities:**

We aim to feature local artists, musicians, and performers—many of whom have participated in past fairs—to provide engaging and inclusive entertainment for residents and visitors. This also supports tourism and contributes to the local economy.

4. **RCMP Musical Ride:**

In recognition of both the RCMP's 150th anniversary and our own 125th, we are working to secure their participation. This would be a major attraction, drawing attendees from across Maple Ridge and neighboring communities.

As planning continues, we are actively engaging with the community to gather input on how they would like to see this special anniversary celebrated. We anticipate that many more exciting ideas will emerge.

Thank you for considering this request. We would be grateful for your support in making this milestone celebration a success and look forward to the opportunity to further discuss this with you.

Warm regards,

**Graham Vanstone**

Fair Manager

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