

July 21, 2017

Natalie Zeigler
City Manager
100 E. Carolina Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Dear Natalie:

The GSSM Foundation is excited to continue its partnership with the City of Hartsville for lease of the space located at 145 West Carolina Street, home of the Startsville Innovation Center. We're proud of the successes we have been able to deliver during the past 11 months and look forward to gaining significant momentum in year two. Some of our many accomplishments include:

- ENGAGE Afterschool Program for Middle School Girls
- Startup Weekend Hartsville
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- Knowledge Café Speakers Series
- Project Verge Alumni Entrepreneur Symposium

Additionally, the GSSM Foundation has leased the space next door to Startsville to expand our presence in Hartsville and grow our impact in the community, region and state through the development and execution of new and innovative initiatives and partnerships. We have also leased seven additional offices for co-working purposes.

As we embark on this accelerated path toward expanding our efforts at Startsville, the GSSM Foundation would greatly appreciate your consideration of rent-free occupancy for a period of three years. This in-kind donation can be used for matching purposes in upcoming grant applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I welcome a chance to share our plans with you and Council at an upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Kim Bowman
CEO, GSSM Foundation
EVP Strategic Direction, GSSM



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