Name of funder

Address of funder

DATE

Dear XX,

I am organizing a team of partners from our XX program/initiative to participate in the *Constellating Peace from the Inside Out 2.0* initiative and we would like [your support to sponsor our participation] // [your support and participation] in this process of strengthening cross-sector partnership. This year-long process brings together a cohort of teams committed to community- and people-led peace and development from conflict-affected contexts around the world. It will be anchored by a week-long immersive learning event in Sierra Leone, hosted by the US foundation Catalyst for Peace, the Sierra Leonean NGO Fambul Tok and the Government of Sierra Leone. Alongside other NGO, funder, government and community leaders, Constellating Peace 2.0 is a unique opportunity to strengthen our knowledge and practice capacities, our team relationships, and the global support and solidarity we need to sustain our work.

XX program/initiative is committed to [Insert community-led vision and goals of your program, e.g. ensuring community voices lead in shaping our national reconciliation process / ensuring community participation for sustainable peace / increasing the space for local and indigenous reconciliation practices / making sure local peace remains relevant and alive to youth / etc.]. This is only possible by collaborating with an entire ecosystem of partners - including yourself.

Through Constellating Peace 2.0, representatives from the different sectors of our ecosystems will convene to learn with and from one another and from technical experts on key issue areas, better understand our distinct roles and responsibilities, and reflect and celebrate. Over the course of the year and in Sierra Leone, we will get to know our own partners better, as well as those from teams across the Arab region, Colombia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Somalia, Sierra Leone, and the US, with participants as diverse as village-level mediators, architects of Somalia’s National Reconciliation Framework, World Bank and African Union representatives, local and national government actors from multiple countries, and US foundations. With a cohort of about 50 people in an informal setting, it is a unique opportunity to not only draw on the knowledge of diverse peers and collaborators, but also to build the trust and frank dialogue needed for partnerships of mutuality that could support lasting, systemic change in X country and globally.

Attached is the full program concept note.

Each team is invited to assemble 4-5 representatives who are actively engaged for the longer term in their context, and who will share the lessons from Constellating Peace 2.0 back to their home institutions and settings. We hope to include: [list roles of people you plan to bring]. To ensure presence of critical actors across our ecosystem of partners, we would be keen to include a participant from [name of funder] in this team.

To fully participate, we are also looking for sponsorship to cover the travel costs and registration fee for # participants for the October event. This includes flights, accommodation, internal transport and board. We are not providing per diems or DSAs and our participants are volunteering their time. Catalyst for Peace and other funding partners, including the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Humanity United, are supporting other event and organizing costs, as well as visits to villages to see community work in person.

We believe that our participation in this program will pay dividends in establishing the networks and systems needed to build a more community-centered, and more lasting, peace in X country, while also offering our experience into the global conversation in important ways. We hope that you also see the value in being part of such spaces for learning, reflection and partnership and can find space in your budget to support us and join us in this effort. Please let us know if you have further questions or requirements.