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## FOX VALLEY MUSIC FOUNDATION SIGNS REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF AURORA TO THE TUNE OF \$125,000

AURORA, IL November 15, 2017 – Fox Valley Music Foundation is pleased to announce it has received a \$125,000 redevelopment grant from the City of Aurora. These funds will support the partial demolition and repurposing of property located at 19-21 South Broadway in Aurora.

The redevelopment grant will allow the Foundation to repurpose the space leased from the City. The redeveloped space will include offices, a small retail and museum space and an intimate 250 seat performance venue for live music, including a proposed opening to the adjacent green space in Mundy Park. The FVMF plans to bring in local, regional and national musicians for performances and local singer/songwriters, poetry and film groups to support the educational component, among other things. The space will serve as a central location for musicians and music lovers to congregate, interact, share, develop and perform music, as well as sharing the rich music history of the region with the larger community. Other funding is being obtained through membership, sponsorship, grants, donations and concert revenue.

"This is the first step in realizing our dream. We imagine our new home in Aurora to be not unlike the Old Town School of Folk Music and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame rolled into one with a little bit of Austin City Limits and City Winery thrown in", said Steve Warrenfeltz, President of the Fox Valley Music Foundation.

## About the Fox Valley Music Foundation

The Foundation's reason for being is to preserve, promote and protect the wonderful music of the Fox Valley area of Illinois while providing Music Education to people of all ages and from all walks of life. <a href="https://www.foxvalleymusicfoundation.org">www.foxvalleymusicfoundation.org</a>