To: The Association of Former Students

On behalf of the TAMU Aikido Club, I would like to thank you and the Association of Former Students for your generous grant of $500 through the Risk Initiative Funding program to help us defray the cost of purchasing additional mats. This expenditure was brought upon by our explosion of growth in our first semester of operation to over 30 members. These mats will allow us to have a safer training surface to practice our martial art as well as essentially double the mat space to accommodate our growing club.

Without this grant, we would not be able to realize our vision to continue to grow or provide for proper safety while training. Our club has a diverse collection of members from different genders, nationalities, ethnic groups, as well as stages of their academic careers. We have a mix of undergraduate and graduate students and even one professor all training together.

I know that funding is tight right now, especially given the state of the national economy, so we appreciate that our club was chosen to receive some of these funds.

Thanks and Gig 'Em,
Johnny Lee
Treasurer, TAMU Aikido