

Supervisor Ron Briggs
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
April 3, 2013

Dear Supervisor Briggs:

The State-Local Partnership Program fosters community development through the arts on the county level through a partnership between the California Arts Council and a local arts organization. For the past several years, El Dorado Arts Council has been the County's local organization designated to represent our county's arts sector within the network of the California Arts Council. The nature of this partnership includes funding, information exchange, cooperative activities, and leadership to stimulate and enable individuals, organizations, and communities to create, present, and preserve the arts of all cultures to enrich the quality of life for all Californians.

I respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors renew designation of the El Dorado Arts Council as the El Dorado County State-to-Local Partner for 2013.

There are many benefits to participating in the State-Local Partnership program, one of which is eligibility to receive grants for operating expenses. These grants are typically in amounts of \$5,000-12,000 per year. The local nonprofit, El Dorado Arts Council, then serves as the umbrella organization for artists, arts patrons, and the many other arts organizations in the county. We are a clearinghouse of information, a source of funding support, an insurance umbrella, and a resource of arts opportunities.

The goals of the State-to-Local Partner program are:

- To increase public awareness and participation in the arts of all cultures.
- To broaden public and private support for the arts.
- To serve the diverse cultural needs of California's local communities.
- To encourage and promote arts in education.
- To foster local and regional partnership and collaboration.

A local arts organization is defined as a nonprofit, or an agency of city or county government, officially designated to provide financial support, services, or other programs to a variety of arts organizations, individual artists, and the community as a whole. There are currently forty-two counties with local arts councils that receive funding and technical assistance from the California Arts Council. To be eligible, applicants must be designated by resolution of their county board of supervisors to serve as the local partner and be accessible to the general public. The El Dorado Arts Council is open five days per week during normal business hours and is staffed by a professional executive director, gallery coordinator, and program administrator.

Thank you for your consideration of this request that El Dorado Arts Council again be designated as the local partner to the California Arts Council.

Sincerely,



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