

El Dorado County Fair

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Supervisor Jack Sweeney
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane
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Dear Jack,

As you know, the Mark D. Forni Building has had many complaints regarding the sound and the reverberation of sound in that building. In the past, the Fair Association has tried many ways to eliminate or soften the sound problem; from hanging baffles to hiring a sound technician to sound soak walls. None of these have proven successful. Ed Murray of Murray and Downs, after much research, has proposed a spray on acoustical treatment. This will keep the rafters exposed and not take from the architectural aesthetics.

Being the largest and most used Hall for this community, the sound issue is a major problem. Fundraising through dinners, music and auctions is paramount to this area. Without being able to hear what is being said, fundraising cannot be (as) facilitated as successfully as it would be with better acoustics.

The cost of this project is \$82,000. The Fair Association is currently looking for funds to replace much needed roofs, ADA compliance work and many other major maintenance infrastructure projects. At this time, we cannot afford to pay for this sound project. We are asking you, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to possibly use Community Enhancement Funds to fund this project.

In exchange for your help, we would like to offer the use of the Mark D. Forni Building to "Older Americans Day" each year at no cost to the County.

I hope that you and the other Board of Supervisors look at this request seriously, as it is a heavily utilized building within our county. The organizations that use the building and the funds that they raise are very important to our community. Enabling these organizations to do a better job and have more successful events will only help our County.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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