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Subject: Funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado

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Date: April 13, 2023

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Re: Funding for Arts and Culture El Dorado

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you **in favor of granting \$95,600 to Arts and Culture El Dorado** for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This level of funding is the same as was granted by El Dorado County last year and is essential for the organization.

Arts and Culture El Dorado programs are free, cover a wide range of interests, from artwork to music to writing, and support artists of varied backgrounds in our area, including students and veterans. The programs not only give artists a means to express themselves, but also provide opportunities to learn more about our area and our world, past and present.

Along with many other residents of our community, I regularly donate to this nonprofit. The funds that Arts and Culture receives are used to pay for programs directly and, importantly, are used to match and leverage grant funding to continue programs and develop new ones.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Kris Kiehne
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to show my support of the arts in our community. As an artist myself, I know the importance of programs that support and enrich our lives by making sure our county is seen as a strong cultural and creative community.

I feel that we are blessed to have an arts organization devoted to providing the community with many diverse programs and services that are always free and that benefit both residents as well as visitors to our area.

I love the programs for veterans- Veterans Voices Writing Program and Mobilizing Veterans in the Arts, as I know the importance of honoring and supporting our veterans in their self expression as well as the ability of the arts to heal. I also love the Young Artists Awards and supporting our youth in healthy creative expression. I am really looking forward to learning more about the new Public Art Plan for Placerville as well.

I very much appreciate your taking a few moments to read my comments as well as your support for the arts in our community. I would kindly request that the Arts & Culture El Dorado be awarded the same monetary amount as awarded last year.

Best Regards,
Terrie Bennett
(sculptor)