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The pandemic has had a devastating impact on the creative sector, with most galleries, theaters and museums shuttered and events and programs canceled since March 2020. The large reduction in DSA funding has impacted our ability to support as many local arts organizations and cultural groups in our county. However, we have been fortunate to receive some funding from the state and the Community Foundation of Monterey County to re-grant to arts organizations and individual artists, and the CA Arts Council, for the first time in over 20 years has opened a grant opportunity to support individual artists. We also lost one of our major funders, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, who have withdrawn all support in Monterey County (including Monterey Jazz Festival and Carmel Bach Festival). This is also impacting smaller local arts organizations as the funding we received was for regranting to them. Since March 2020, we have had to cancel several community and fundraising events, at a loss of approximately \$57,000. Our ArtWorks @Pacific Grove affordable artist studios, gallery and classroom, has also been closed, reducing earned revenue for the Arts Council, and for the artists who lost their ability to sell their art at the gallery. The Arts Council was fortunate to receive a PPP last April which prevented us from a major reduction in staff, however, we have delayed hiring a Business Manager and an Outreach Coordinator. And since we have also seen a reduction of 50% in arts education programming and funding to date, that means less work for our Teaching Artists. While art classes are core curriculum and mandated by the state, many schools have not prioritized art classes since the pandemic started. The arts are essential to the social and emotional well-being to students, whether in a classroom or by distance learning.

Thank you,



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