

February 23, 2016

Laura Jane Musser Fund  
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Dear Grant Directors,

The City Council of the City of Gunnison strongly supports the Gunnison Arts Center's application for \$10,000 of General Operating Support from your philanthropic organization.

The City of Gunnison has annually supported the Gunnison Arts Center by granting funds to provide a variety of high-quality arts programs including arts education for diverse and multi-age community members, visual arts exhibits, and performing arts events such as community theater, literary, film, and musical events.

The City of Gunnison with a population of approximately 5,500, is located in a high mountain valley of the central Rocky Mountains, 66 miles from the next largest community. Despite our relative isolation, collaboration and partnership with non-profit organizations like the Arts Center provides a robust and multi-faceted arts culture that is of value to not only our residents but to visitors to the Gunnison Valley.

We fully support the Arts Center's application for operational funding from your fund so that they can continue to provide this much-needed and appreciated service to our community.

Sincerely,

Richard Hagan  
Mayor, City of Gunnison