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## June 3, 2025

## **Regular Meeting**

Item 5k. - Updated Letter of Support



## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF MONO**

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California Arts Council 1300 I Street, Suite 930 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support for June Lake Loop Performing Arts Association (dba June Lake Arts)

Dear California Arts Council Review Panel,

On behalf of Mono County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express strong support for the grant application submitted by June Lake Loop Performing Arts Association, also known as June Lake Arts, for General Operating Support funding.

June Lake Arts plays a vital role in Mono County's cultural landscape, producing events and supporting programs that benefit residents and visitors across the region. Their impact is especially impressive given that they currently operate with a board and staff that is 90% volunteer.

At present, the organization's only sources of revenue are the annual benefit event—June Lake Jam Fest—as well as donations and sponsorships. Receiving General Operating Support from the California Arts Council would help build long-term sustainability for the organization. Importantly, it would also allow more of the funds raised through the festival to be directed toward community-benefiting programming rather than organizational infrastructure.

June Lake Arts' programming includes educational outreach such as school assemblies and classroom visits by professional musicians in Mono County schools, Student Art Grants, and support for the Mono Arts Council's music program through the purchase of instruments for students to keep. They also collaborate with Sierra STEM's summer STEAM camp, further expanding their reach into youth education and development.

In addition to its cultural contributions, June Lake Arts helps drive tourism and economic activity in our rural county. Their events bring visitors into the area, supporting local businesses and contributing to the fiscal health of our communities.

We believe this funding will enable June Lake Arts to continue and expand its valuable work, and we respectfully urge your favorable consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

Lynda Salcido, Chair Mono County Board of Supervisors