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## WyAA Arts and Culture Survey Responses

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***What arts and cultural activities have you and your family members attended, participated in, or supported in the past year?***

\* Film/Media, Literary Arts. It's been a down year for us in this regard. We might typically have participated in multiple other activities.

***Considering your own personal background and education, what arts or cultural classes, programs or activities did you participate in?***

\* Film/Photography, Literary Arts, Vocal Music.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to enhance economic and community development?***

\* Some financial support is valid. The Governor honors the arts in various ways. There's good partnership in my county between the local artist guild and the towns.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to provide a comprehensive education for Wyoming K-12 students?***

\* Art, music and some literary undertakings are valid curriculum components. Language mastery is foundational to writing, poetry and screen plays. Schools do well to expose children to artistic programs.

***What role do you believe Wyoming and/or local government should play in supporting arts and culture to enhance quality of life?***

\* Again, some support seems valid. The question here as with so many programs is how much support can be justified in the face of competing interests. I think support for the arts, particularly from the executive branch, remains healthy.

***The recently-released ENDOW Report proposes increasing the Wyoming Cultural Trust corpus to \$100 million. Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

**\* Supportive**

***The ENDOW Report also proposes a Creative Ready Community Grant and Loan Program that would expand state financial support for innovative arts-oriented community projects. Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

**\* Supportive**

***The ENDOW Report also suggests making it easier for Wyoming communities to impose a local tax to build creative and cultural sector "capacity." Rank your degree of support for this proposal.***

**\* Unsupportive**

***For the 2018-19 grant cycle, the Wyoming Arts Council distributed more than \$800,000 in grant funds to local communities. (The total amount requested in 2018 was \$1.45 million.) How do you feel about this level of financial support to Wyoming communities and local arts organizations?***

**\* Just Right**