

# Jackie Grimes - HD46 (D)

## 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?***

- \* Dance, Theatre, Music, Film/Media.

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

- \* Instrumental Music, Dance, Film/Photography, Literary Arts, Drawing/Painting/Sculpting, 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?***

- \* Protecting the freedom of expression is important and a way government can help protect the arts. It can also support local efforts to bring art into communities such as Laramie is doing with the mural projects. Arts bring not just enjoyment and culture to a community, they are appealing to businesses when considering where to set up shop.

***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?***

- \* As an educator, I believe arts is essential to a k-12 education. For many students, arts and culture are what make them feel connected and a part of a school. Access to these experiences increases high school graduation rates. These are stimulating activities and assist in the learning experience.

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

\* I would like to see the government work to dispel the notion that the arts is a luxury and therefore frivolous. The arts supports local communities by bringing people together, enticing people to move to new areas, creates the feeling of a community, and is attractive to companies looking to bring jobs in the area. There should be efforts made to not just support but work to change the narrative.

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

\* Very 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.***

\* Very 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.***

\* Very Supportive

***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?***

\* Not Enough