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WyAA Arts and Culture Survey Responses

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, Literary Arts, Visual Arts.

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

- * Instrumental Music, Film/Photography, Vocal Music, Digital Arts/Design

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

- * Public support of the arts and culture is an important step in using the the arts/culture as an tool for economic diversity. Arts/cultural programs are key to a proper education as well. A community without art/cultural activity is a dead community.

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?

- * See above.

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

- * See above.

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**