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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?

* Music, Film/Media.

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

* Film/Photography.

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

* I believe that investing in improving access to outside ideas and experiences improves the lives not only of those that participate but also that they contact. I believe that investing in the arts brings dollars into the local community in the short term and makes it a more desirable place in the long term. The more desirable the location is the easier to attract other businesses and industries.

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?

* I strongly believe that the arts are vital to a complete education. One of the most crucial areas is that of learning how to express oneself in a positive manner.

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

* Having grown up in rural areas without access to any form of outside arts, then living in an urban area, I have seen the improvement in the community and people's lives as opportunities increased. I have seen that there can be a positive return on investing in cultural opportunities.

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.

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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.

* 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