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To: The Honorable Sandra Fewer
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Release of Arts Impact Endowment Fund from Reserve

Dear Supervisor Fewer:

The Arts Commission respectfully requests that the Budget and Finance Committee release \$2,613,000 of Arts Impact Endowment funding placed on reserve during the FY 20 budget process, as recommended by the Budget Analyst pending completion of the Cultural Services Allocation Plan.

The funding is from the passage of Proposition E, a measure championed by an unprecedented coalition of arts advocates, supported unanimously by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor, and passed by over 75% of the voters last November. The ordinance restores the dedication of a portion of hotel tax revenue growth to new and existing arts and culture programming. The Arts Commission staff and leadership, in partnership with our colleagues at Grants for the Arts, have diligently conducted extensive community outreach to inform emerging arts and culture needs, and have drafted a Cultural Services Allocation Plan approved by the Commission and the City Administrator, as required every 5 years.

https://www.sfartscommission.org/sites/default/files/pdf/CSAP_Plan_ArtsImpact_FINAL.pdf

Once the funding is released, both agencies will work together to administer grants in the areas of arts education, affordable space, core support for organizations, and support for individual artists. Our constituents eagerly await these critical resources for their important work.

Sincerely,



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