August 6, 2013

Board of Trustees
El Pomar Foundation
10 Lake Circle
Colorado Springs, Co 80906

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners enthusiastically supports the grant application from the Gunnison Arts Center for general operating funds to the El Pomar Foundation. We depend on our non-profit community to provide vital services and amenities to our greater community and the Gunnison Arts Center has a rich history of doing just that for over two decades.

All nonprofits in our valley have suffered from the recent recession, but the Gunnison Arts Center has demonstrated a particular recovery vitality by restructuring its board, creating an advisory council, hiring a new executive director, expanding programming, creating partnerships and adopting a challenging but realistic budget. They have been, and continue to be, the "hub" of community creativity in our south valley.

As with many nonprofits the Gunnison Arts Center has a comprehensive fundraising plan that includes memberships, small and large donors and grants. We believe their application to El Pomar is a realistic need that fits your mission. Your foundation has an important history of supporting nonprofits in our valley, and we think this application for $5,300 fits your criteria well.

Thank you for your consideration of the Gunnison Arts Center's grant request. We wholeheartedly support the application.

Sincerely,

Paula Swenson, Chairperson	Phil Chamberland, Commissioner	Jonathan Houck, Commissioner