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Dear Art Supporters,

The Culver City Arts Foundation has created the **Artists Emergency Resiliency Fund** and we need your help!

This year has been one of the most difficult periods in modern history. The Culver City Chamber predicts that 40% of businesses won’t come back – our arts community will be one of hardest hit.

The arts are essential to our recovery, providing comfort, enlightenment, inspiration and of course, entertainment.

In response to the economic hardships many creative organizations face, Culver City Arts Foundation has created the **Artists Emergency Resiliency Fund** in partnership with the Culver City Chamber of Commerce and Culver City Arts District BID. The goal of the fund is to raise a minimum of $100,000 in order to provide grants of $1,000 for individual artists and up to $5,000 for arts organizations for general operating support (i.e. rent, health care, internet, basic supplies). As supporters of the arts, we want to make sure that our treasured artists and arts organizations will not be forced to close or relocate from Culver City as they struggle to stay afloat during the pandemic.

The application process will be streamlined and the funds distributed to ensure accountability and transparency. By targeting immediate, basic support, these funds will largely go to vendors also located in Culver City, recirculated into our economy.

*We are asking you to join in contributing to this vital fund with your tax-deductible donation* made via PayPal or by mail. Culver City Arts Foundation is run entirely by volunteers. We donate our time so that your donations go directly to supporting our community.

We are all in this together. Our creative community is essential to what makes Culver City a world-class city with a small-town vibe. By supporting the arts in Culver City we will help ourselves thrive.

Thank you for any donation.

Warm regards,

Jim B. Clarke
Vice-Chair

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Culver City Arts Foundation has been a leader in supporting artists and arts organization in Culver City and hundreds in the local community have received funding. We are major contributors to City programs such as the Performing Arts Grant and the Artist Laureate program. We have sponsored numerous local, such as the Small Press Book Fair and the Trash World project at Fiesta La Ballona. And most recently, we partnered with Helms Design Center for #ProjectingPossibilities, funding 52 artists to participate in an innovative exhibition that connects visitors with artwork during these socially distant times.