# ARTS COMMISSION'S REQUEST TO SEEK SUPPORT FROM COUNCIL TO PURSUE AN "OUR TOWN" GRANT

TO: Ivins City Council
FROM: Ivins City Arts Commission
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At the April 6, 2023, Ivins City Council meeting, the Arts Commission presented a power point presentation outlining the requirements to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts "Our Town" grant. The "Our Town" grant application process requires two primary partners – a local government entity and a 501 (c) (3) non-profit arts organization, such as the Kayenta Arts Foundation. The lead applicant must be the 501 (c) (3) arts organization. A letter of support from the mayor must accompany the grant application.

The NEA requires a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount. The NEA looks for projects involving the arts in partnership with committed governmental, non-profit and private sector leadership. The Ivins City Arts Commission, with the support of the City, will solicit pledges from local private sector businesses and individuals to generate the required matching funds.

The Arts Commission envisions a multi-phase project to strategically develop the Arts Corridor. This could feature various types of art, possibly organized as a walking tour along the Arts Corridor, illustrating the geologic and cultural history and heritage of Ivins, including the Shivwits/Paiute culture.

REQUEST:

- Council support of the Arts Commission's request to apply for a NEA "Our Town" grant.
- Council approval of the appointment of Kayenta Arts Foundation as the lead applicant.
- Council approval of the Arts Commission's request to seek pledges to meet the matching requirements.
- Council approval of the Arts Commission's request to set aside and earmark, $20,000 from reserve RAP funds to be used as our portion of the required match.