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Dear Grantors,

RE: Lake County Historical Society application for grant funds.

The Ely Stage Stop and Country Museum is a gem of an organization here in Lake County. The Lake County Historical Society runs a non-profit museum facility that benefits the schools, local residents, and tourists from 13 countries, 34 states, and 142 California cities.

The original building was a 1860s stage coach stop. The building was moved to its present location on 5.5 acres in July 2007. After 4 years of loving restoration it was opened to the public in 2011. They have now added a barn for monthly fiddlers performances and a working blacksmith shop.

This all-volunteer, all-donation run museum hosts school groups, is a venue for music performances and is a site for weddings and community meetings.

Having been to the Ely Museum many times and supported and enjoyed it's restored 1860s Stage Stop, monthly Fiddler's Jams in the barn, the working blacksmith shop, restored 1890's jail, and outdoor agricultural displays, we fully support any effort these amazing community volunteers put into bringing a part of California's past to life for present and future generations.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages you to provide grant funding so Ely can continue its important work for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF LAKE