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Hobson/Lucas Family Foundation
P.O. Box 2009
San Rafael CA 94912-2009

Dear Grantors,

RE: Lake County Historical Society application for grant funds.

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 counties.

This all-volunteer, all-donation run museum has just accepted the donation of 17 horse-drawn wagons and carriages, representing the transportation history of a wide range of businesses, families, and classes of people in California. The wagons and carriages have been lovingly restored over the last decades.

The intent behind this donation is:

1. To keep the collection intact.
2. To keep the collection in Lake County.

In order to protect and display these unique forms of transportation, the Ely Museum needs the funds necessary to construct a "Carriage House" for the collection.

Having been to the Ely Museum many times and supported and enjoyed its 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.

Please consider granting funds to the Ely Stage Stop's Carriage House Project. It will be a great addition to the "hands-on", "public-participation" adventures available at their historical center.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Lake County Board of Supervisors

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