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**\$2 Million Approved to Assist Local Nonprofits, Museums,  
Theaters, and Local Artists Impacted by COVID-19**

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**FRESNO, CA** – Today, Councilmember Esmeralda Soria and Councilmember Mike Karbassi sponsored the Fresno Arts and Culture and Nonprofit Emergency Relief Grant Fund that will provide financial assistance to local nonprofits, museums, theaters, and local artists impacted by COVID-19.

As a result of local and state Emergency Orders, local nonprofits, museums and theaters were financially impacted. Many museums and theaters had been operating for decades and supported and maintained Fresno's local history. Local nonprofits are an important part of our community and play a vital role in providing critical resources that contribute to economic stability.

The Fresno Arts Council will provide grants between \$10,000 and \$150,000 to local museums, grants between \$10,000 to \$25,000 to local nonprofit performing art theaters, and grants of \$5,000 to individual Fresno resident artists.

Through the Economic Development Department, the City of Fresno will administer grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 to Fresno community nonprofit organizations impacted by COVID-19 through loss of revenue streams and restricted fundraising abilities.

These grants will provide much needed relief to industries that remain as the last and final tier allowed to reopen by the State of California.

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