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Senator Claiborne Pell
418 Federal Building
Providence, Rhode Island 02901

Dear Senator Pell:

It was good seeing you and Mrs. Pell last week. Robin and I enjoyed talking with both of you and the constituents of northern Rhode Island.

This letter is in response to your request for a statistical update on Livy's research on Rhode Island's art and cultural organizations.

As you are aware the RISCA is in the process of conducting an Economic Impact Study to document the dollar amount generated by the non-profit arts and the ancillary amount contributed by non-arts oriented businesses and individuals.

It is impossible to extrapolate data without a base formula. No base formula can be used as organizations' budgets are too diverse in size. I began working with our grant application and recipient files. These organizations are only a percentage to the total number of organizations which exist in Rhode Island, therefore, the total amount would be based on theory and not proof.

The following statistics are based on a total of 38 organizations reporting or 9% from a total of 450 Rhode Island Art and cultural organizations.

I. Income: Total income based on 38 organizations. Reporting is - $ 5,140,961.00

II. Expenditures: Total expenditures based on 38 organizations reporting is - $ 5,481,558.00

III. Wages - Salaries: Total wages, salaries based on 38 organizations reporting is - $ 2,613,967.00

IV. Personnel: Total paid personnel for part and full time employees based on 38 organizations reporting is 979.
Once the three phases are complete a multiplier of 1.8 will be used on the total amount of expenditures. Based on 38 organizations reporting, the expenditures are $5,481,558.00. Multiplying the total expenditures of $5,481,558.00 times 1.8 is $9,866,804 which is the ancillary amount. Total amount spent directly by 38 art organizations and ancillary individuals and companies is $15,348,362.

With only 38 organizations reporting from a total of 450, it is impossible at this time to project total figures. You will receive a copy of the study upon completion.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

All the best,

Robert deMers
Admn. Assistant to the Director

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