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Dear Jack

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 August as Chair of the Petitions Committee asking for people in the arts to be given grants to continue their work in light of the continuing difficulties they face following the Covid pandemic. This has been a particularly difficult period for the arts sector in Wales.

The Welsh Government is wholly committed to a publicly-funded arts sector in Wales which is why we put a package of support in place to ensure its survival. The first phase of the Cultural Recovery Fund, supported 646 businesses and 3,500 individuals with funding of £63million. The Welsh Government allocated £30million for a second phase of funding to continue to support the sector. This second phase was put in place to support the sector until the end of September.

The Welsh Government is in the process of exploring the options for future support and we will consider the need based on engagement and feedback from stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

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