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A message regarding Funding Booster Program Transition

Dear Funding Booster Program participants and friends of the Cultural Coalition:

When the Cultural Coalition's Funding Booster Program began, I sought to "teach people to fish" rather than "fishing for them" as a contract grant writer. Previous Executive Director Wendy Bury and I created this pilot "hand-holding program" and five years later, I'm in awe of the work that has been done.

Funding Booster is a robust program that has helped organizations and artists at all levels increase their funding, knowledge, and ability to contribute to the creative fabric of the region and state! And it will continue, just with a transition to a new team member.

I'm looking forward to working in the arts in my new home state of North Carolina, and passing the torch to the very capable hands of Dia Baxter, the new Funding Booster Program Coordinator. I have no doubt this signature Cultural Coalition program will continue to grow and thrive under Dia's tutelage.

It has been my pleasure to connect with, and watch, so many of you grow both in your confidence, and ability to fulfill your missions and visions. I'm forever grateful for the team at the Cultural Coalition (past and present) for seeing the value of Funding Booster and helping me shape it into the federally recognized program it is today.

My last day as the Funding Booster Program Manager with the Cultural Coalition will be June 21st.

As always, I encourage you all to keep throwing your hat in the ring!

Sincerely,

Jess

The Cultural Coalition would love your help in providing brief testimonials of the impact of the Funding Booster Program under Jessica's leadership. Please send testimonials to fundingbooster1@culturesect.org