

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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California Department of Food & Agriculture 1220 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

## **RE: Humboldt County Fair Grant Applications**

Dear California Department of Food and Agriculture Grant Administrator,

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing this letter of support for the Asbestos Removal Project being submitted by the Humboldt County Fair Association.

The project proposes to remove asbestos in the Fair's Art Building, which host events for the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services, 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth meetings, and many other community events throughout the year. In addition, the county fairgrounds are an emergency sheltering location, it is critical that these facilities are usable for the public in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

The existing floor tiles were installed over 50 years ago and is currently failing. The floor tile and mastic, which is used to secure the floor tile to the subfloor, contain asbestos. As the mastic fails, the asbestos materials in the floor tile and mastic is exposed. The Fair Association is requesting grant funds for the removal of the existing floor, abatement of the asbestos, and installation of new flooring. At this time, there is no scheduling restrictions for the proposed project.

In conclusion, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors fully supports the efforts of the Humboldt County Fair Association to improve its facilities for emergency services and community benefit, and is deserving of funding.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors