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Kara Hidalgo,

I am pleased to support your research proposal Art Workshop. I have been a lifelong artist, as well as supporter of the arts community. Unfortunately, art programs have been eliminated from elementary school budgets in this region. As a result, children aren't exposed the creativity of visual art. Providing summer workshops to children at no to little cost will provide them with an opportunity to explore visual arts without traveling far.

Your background is a great combination of business and artistic sensibilities. First, your BA in Marketing from BSU and, secondly, your many years experience as a business owner. You currently own and operate Aquaterra Photography, specializing in commercial landscape photography, and Global Gazettes, LLC, which supports the newspaper industry. Lastly, your experience as a substitute teacher, at a local elementary school, will provide you with the child interpersonal skills to deliver a quality program. All of the above talents and experiences will assist you in organizing and providing the children of eastern Idaho the experience of visual arts.

Best of luck with your grant application,

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