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Dear Basque Organization Director,

The Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture is an Idaho non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation focused on providing resources to promote the sharing of elements of Basque history and culture through programs, presentations, performances, gatherings, and materials that will reach broadly across Idaho and southeastern Oregon.

The language, history, and politics of the Basque people throughout the world as well as the uniqueness of Basque history and culture in the western United States are of particular interest to the Foundation. The Foundation believes that critical thinking promotes understanding and tolerance. We celebrate what makes Basques unique within the common cultural human experience.

We invite you to be a part of this celebration by encouraging your organization to apply for a community outreach grant from the Foundation. These grants will be funded from contributions we and others have made to the Foundation, as well as from the revenues generated by the new Basque license plates that are available for sale by the Idaho Transportation Department.

Community outreach grants in amounts up to \$2,000 are now being offered by the Foundation to Basque clubs and organizations throughout Idaho and eastern Oregon. We began providing these grants on an annual basis in 2007. We will award as many grants as our financial resources allow.

We urge your organization to apply for a grant. Enclosed are the guidelines that will be used for awarding the grants as well as an application.

Please contact us through our President, Roy Eiguren (roy@royeiguren.com or 208/947-7252) or our Vice President for Outreach, Patty Miller (pattyam@basquemuseum.com or 208/343-1285), with questions or comments.

Thank you for all that you and your organization are doing to promote our wonderful Basque culture and language.

With best regards,

Pete and Freda Cenarrusa