

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

It has come to our attention as local business owners that a local non-profit organization's funding from Mendocino County is under consideration for defunding.

Owning a business is a valuable tool for social mobility. EDFC has the ability to help foster business establishment and growth for individuals that would not be well served by a normal bank. This helps those individuals tremendously, and helps the community of Ukiah as a whole.

As a business that has directly benefited from the Economic Development & Financing Corporation, our business has received critical financial assistance in the form of a loan, as well as, financial counseling. That funding and assistance has given our business the opportunity to continue to grow, to survive disaster, and to give back to our local community by our services offered and tax dollars earned, we would like to ask that you continue funding EDFC.

Sincerely,  
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