# **Sample State Legislator/Governor Letter of Appreciation**

[Your Letterhead]

Dear [**Governor Lamont/Representative XXXX/Senator XXXX**]:

The [**your organization name**] was recently awarded a grant in the amount of [**amount**] from Connecticut Humanities to support our participation in the CT Summer at the Museum initiative.

I would like to thank you for supporting this program that invites Connecticut children ages 18 and under plus one accompanying Connecticut resident adult to visit participating museums free of charge from July 1 through September 5, 2022. Funding for the initiative is provided by the CT General Assembly, the with the support of Connecticut Humanities and the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the federal ARPA.

**[If you participated in 2021, add a few sentences about that experience and about your summer offerings this year. If new in 2022, add something about what families can experience at your location, specific exhibits perhaps and/or why a visit to your museum is important.]**

(Sample Points: The CT Summer at the Museum program was extremely successful in the summer of 2021, with museums throughout the state hosting hundreds of thousands of children, many of whom would not otherwise be able to afford admission. This program is even more important in 2022 given that inflation and high gasoline prices are already adversely impacting attendance at our institutions, especially among lower income families.

A visit to a museum provides a special opportunity that can positively impact mental health, demonstrably improve learning outcomes among children and youth, and offer positive activities and outlets in many of the neighborhoods, towns, and cities that we serve. As children and students missed out on more than two years of group and school visits to our institutions as part of hands-on, interactive learning, the CT Summer at the Museum Program gives these children and students a chance to experience our institutions and benefit from our programs, activities, and exhibits.)

The ongoing funding that Connecticut Humanities receives from the State of Connecticut makes programs like CT Summer at the Museum possible. Thank you for your role in supporting the work of [**your organization’s name**] and Connecticut Humanities.

We would love to have you visit our museum this summer!

Sincerely,

[**Your name/title**]