

I am writing in support of the SHEDD Institute's capital project under consideration for lottery funding. This organization has been such a powerful force for the arts in Eugene, and I wish to do everything possible to help it grow. Thus I submit my heartfelt endorsement for this bill to pass.

From teaching hundreds of students, to hosting performances for audiences of all ages, to supporting artists both locally and internationally, the leadership and staff does it all with joy and with the utmost of class and quality. There are so many lives they have touched, and so many more yet to come. The further renovation of the building is just one more step in helping Eugene, thrive as a community.

The renovation of the north section of the building will be a MAJOR step forward for all of what they are doing for these many years. They have successfully upgraded the 70,000 square foot building constructed in the early 1900s. Not only that, but made it comfortable, modern, able to accommodate all that they do. Adding the entrance and elevator will just be huge in advancing the vision. Load in of sound gear, and people having elevator access is more than words can even describe at this point.

I have been a performer, parent of a student, and now

am a member of the board of directors. I have attended concerts, memorial services, and other events at this building as well. As a lifelong resident of this community, I am as proud as I can possibly be to be able to be involved in this organization for the years that I have.

The city has had very recent and ongoing problems with homelessness, all around it's challenged downtown area. Keeping the SHEDD stable and moving forward is such a positive push for the better. Eugene continues to need the health of its downtown to improve. Our society will always need the arts for the health of humanity! Thank you so much for your consideration!