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Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts and Athletics (CoRAA) and its request for \$6.344 million from the State of Oregon.

CoRAA has already raised nearly \$20.6 million toward seven capital projects that will provide free or low-cost access to recreation, culture, and community gathering spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds. In a county where 20% of residents live in poverty, these projects are not just amenities, they are essential to community health, equity, and economic vitality.

What makes CoRAA especially noteworthy is its collaborative spirit. Instead of competing for funding, these organizations came together with a shared vision and unified ask. That kind of partnership deserves to be recognized and rewarded.

As an elder in our County, I am involved with, take part in, or utilize some aspect of each organization involved in the amazing collaborative project.

I respectfully urge you to invest in Lane County by helping close the final funding gap. These projects will serve generations to come and stand as a testament to what's possible when communities work together.