

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 city has had very recent and ongoing problems with homelessness, all around its challenged downtown area. Keeping the SHEDD stable and moving forward is such a positive push for the better. Thank you for your consideration!