

Art Center East continues ADA accessibility project

ART CENTER EAST

Find out more about Art Center East's improvement project and events at www.artcentereast.org. Current regular gallery hours at 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, are Wednesday through Friday from noon-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Galleries are open to the public and admission is always free. Exhibits can also be viewed on the center's website.

Go! staff

LA GRANDE — Art Center East's capital campaign to install an ADA-accessible lift in their building aims to make the art center and its activities available to everyone, regardless of mobility challenges.

According to a press release, through Dec. 31, 2021, community members can participate in end-of-year giving by donating, in any amount, toward ACE's \$50,000 goal. Community members may donate via AmazonSmile, Venmo, PayPal, in person, by phone, by check mailed to ACE (P.O. Box 541, La Grande, 97850), or at www.artcentereast.org/support/donate/#donate.

Art Center East occupies the 1913 Carnegie Library building owned by the City of La Grande at 1006 Penn Ave. Following a 2018 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) assessment and a community survey in which 95% of respondents indicated support for adding an elevator or lift

to the ACE facility, the organization began to collect resources for construction.

ACE started the ADA renovation project with assistance from Matt Bosch, an engineer who donated concept drawings and identified the lift type that will be installed where the library book lift once operated. Cassie Hibbert, a local architect, reviewed the concept drawings pro bono, and contractor Kirby Nagelhout Construction made a site visit and donated the project estimate. The total cost estimate is approximately \$300,000 for the installation of a lift and necessary renovations and improvements.

The city of La Grande has pledged a \$50,000 cash match. Community members have contributed more than \$20,000 so far, including a recent anonymous single donation of \$10,000. Grants awarded for this project include \$24,400 from the Oregon Cultural Trust and \$10,000 from the Union Pacific Foundation.



www.artcentereast.org

**CHRISTMAS
GIVING
PROGRAM**

Please join Shelter From the Storm in our efforts to make the holiday season a merry one for families who have experienced domestic and sexual violence

Shelter

From the Storm

If you are interested in being a donor, please email Jabrego@unioncountysfs.org or call 541.963.7226