

**ILLUMINATION funding ethics per Summer Young-Jelinek inquiry:**

On Tue, Oct 4, 2022, 3:43 PM DAVID Emily <edavid@springfield-or.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Thanks for looping me in. Here are my thoughts and I did run this by Mary Bridget, as well. The Arts Commission has the right to determine how to use the money in the most equitable way.

The Commission could decide:

- to support the Illumination project again this year (or not) in the same way and make a more permanent decision for subsequent year that wouldn't appear to be insider preferential treatment
- to have special projects funding that's open to the community outside of the HAG cycle
- to add the Museum to the budget line with the Library and allocate additional funding or not

If the Commission is interested in supporting Illuminations, which has shown itself to be a very worthwhile project for the community, but is concerned about equity of access to funds, you can make a decision to fund the project again this year with the caveat that there will be a change of how the money is distributed in coming years. Then the group can decide what that change would be, possibly one of the examples above or another. That is really up to the Commission.

I hope this helps let me know if you want further clarification from me.

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