



## Metro Central Enhancement Grants 2015 Awards

*The Metro Central Enhancement Committee, comprised of six neighborhood association representatives and chaired by Metro Councilor Sam Chase, District 5, awarded \$114,787.50 in grants to ten organizations for 2015.*

### **Reading Results at Chapman Elementary School**

Chapman Elementary School and Portland Public Schools \$19,000

This year, reading teams will tutor 40-45 low-income and reading challenged students at Chapman for three 30-minute sessions each week for 30 weeks of the school year. The program provides students with reading instruction delivered by highly trained, culturally responsive tutors.

### **Forest Park Recreation Enhancement Project**

Forest Park Conservancy \$20,000

The Forest Park Conservancy will improve a very popular section of the Wildwood Trail and tackle the ongoing problem of off-leash dogs. Both of these projects will increase water quality and improve user experience.

### **Improving Lives Through Recreational and Fitness Opportunities for Low-income Residents**

Friendly House \$16,237.50

Friendly House will provide low-income people the ability to engage with one another through fitness training, recreational classes and an internet center. Scholarship memberships and classes will be provided for low-income youth, older adults and people with disabilities who call Northwest Portland home.

### **Cathedral Park Jazz Festival**

Jazz Society of Oregon, dba Cathedral Park Jazz Festival \$9,050

In 2015 the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival will be the longest running free jazz festival in the western US. It provides three days of free fun and world-class jazz and blues entertainment within walking distance of area residents. A portion of the proceeds are returned to the neighborhood to help with expenses and other funding needs.

### **Community Garden Improvements**

Lift Urban Portland \$8,000

The grant will underwrite equipment upgrades, including deer fencing and new fruit tree plantings, and support the garden coordinator. These investments will significantly increase the yield from the gardens and support the garden's use as a resource for education and community engagement.

### **Critical Roof Repair**

Linnton Community Center \$20,000

The Linnton Community Center's upper meeting hall will receive desperately needed roof repair. Rainwater has been leaking through the existing roof which has begun to cause damage, displacing programs and creating discomfort for the participants of the many programs held there.

### **Supplemental Meals for Seniors in Northwest Portland**

Meals on Wheels People \$5,000

The grant will continue a program that provides second meals for low-income homebound clients in the Metro Central target area served by the Elm Court Center who have no other access to food.

### **The Joy of Symphony**

Portland Festival Symphony at Cathedral Park \$7,500

Well-known compositions by Joseph Haydn, George Bizet, Antonin Dvorak, John Phillip Sousa and others will be performed by the symphony orchestra for free. The event will also include a musical instrument petting zoo where children can interact with professional musicians. Children will play-along in the TOY symphony on the playable toy instruments provided.

### **Metro Central Rebuild Program 2015**

Rebuilding Together Portland \$5,000

Rebuilding Together has a mission to improve the quality of life of homeowners by providing free home repair and rehabilitation to low-income and disabled homeowners. Metro Central funding will program provide repairs and services to local nonprofits and individuals in the target area.

### **Nourishment & Social Connections**

Store to Door \$5,000

Store to Door provides grocery delivery to low-income seniors and people with disabilities. The program helps their participants maintain independence, increase their social supports, and access additional low-cost or no-cost services that support aging-in-place.