



Metro

**Nature in Neighborhoods**

**Conservation Education Grants 2014**

**Small grants up to \$25,000**

**Building Environmental Capacity in Communities of Color: *Knowledge, Research and Discourse***

Coalition of Communities of Color      \$20,000

This project will 1) build the environmental knowledge of organizations of color by implementing an environmental education training series; 2) produce community-specific environmental indicators; and 3) provide a community of color vision of conservation that prioritizes environmental initiatives in communities of color.

**Partners:** Hacienda CDC; KairosPDX; Africa House; Verde; Latino Network; Miracle Theatre; Asian Family Center; Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO); Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO); Center to Advance Racial Equity at Portland State University (CARE); Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO); Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA); Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI)

**Creating Change Agents for Inclusion during Restoration**

Friends of Trees      \$19,130

Friends of Trees, Johnson Creek Watershed Council and Center for Diversity and the Environment would like to bring together restoration-focused non-profits to participate in a 2.5 day retreat to broaden the reach of these non-profits to diverse ethnic, cultural and economic groups.

**Partners:** Center for Diversity and the Environment; Johnson Creek Watershed Council; Columbia Slough Watershed Council; Tryon Creek Watershed Council; Forest Park Conservancy; Sandy River Watershed Council; North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council

**IRCO Intergenerational Community Gardens Project**

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) \$25,000

The IRCO Intergenerational Community Gardens Project will pilot a culturally relevant curriculum centered on native and edible plant gardening activities to unite underserved, intergenerational communities in watershed health education, sustainable and organic gardening, and conservation leadership.

**Partners:** The Portland Metro (STEM) Partnership (PMSP); Vestal School; Coalition of Communities of Color; Independence Gardens

### **An Online Regional Trail Map for People with Disabilities**

Independent Living Resources/Access Recreation      \$25,000

Access Recreation will develop an online, regional trail map that will provide information, through descriptions, photos and videos that will provide people with disabilities – people of all abilities – information needed to know whether a trail will meet their abilities and expectations even before they arrive at the trail.

**Partners:** Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District; North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District; City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation; City of West Linn Parks & Recreation; Hoyt Arboretum; Portland Audubon Society; US Forest Service; Oregon Parks and Recreation; City of Portland; Oregon Office on Disability and Health; Metro Planning and Sustainability; The Intertwine Alliance; Universal Adaptive Sports

### **Northwest Youth Corps' East Metro Stewardship Project**

Northwest Youth Corps (NYC)      \$15,000

Northwest Youth Corps requests \$15,000 to support 18 teens in conservation projects in the East Metro area during the summer of 2014. Project will equip participants to become conservation leaders in their communities, as we improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.

**Partners:** City of Gresham; Salem District Bureau of Land Management; National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; David Douglas High School

### **Siskiyou Field Laboratory**

Dharma Rain Zen Center      \$25,000

Five educational institutions will incorporate field studies at a local brownfield into their curriculum. Younger students will restore habitat and perform simple monitoring activities. Older students will develop and apply research questions relating to environmental remediation and ecological restoration. Substantial mentoring across institutions is emphasized.

**Partners:** Portland Community College – Southeast; Portland State University; Madison High School; Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors; Jason Lee Elementary School

### **Oakquest: collaborative mapping and stewardship of Oregon white oak**

Urban Greenspaces Institute and Kingfisher Ecological Services LLC      \$24,776

Oakquest will enable 50+ citizen scientists to become active stewards in the mapping and conservation of imperiled Oregon white oak habitat. This effort will fill a critical information gap identified in the Regional Conservation Strategy and support career training in natural resources for two Native American college-age students.

**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Center; The Intertwine Alliance; Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde; City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; US Department of Fish and Wildlife; Portland Audubon Society; PSU Institute for Natural Resources; Tualatin Hills, Portland and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Districts; West Multnomah, East Multnomah, Clackamas, and Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Metro

### **Sense of Place: Engaging Indigenous Peoples**

Urban Greenspaces Institute \$25,000

PSU's Indigenous Nations Studies program, including one Native graduate assistant and 150 college students, will engage tribal and urban Native communities within The Intertwine region to strengthen ongoing partnerships, collaboration and communication regarding eco-restoration, conservation education, and Indigenous stewardship practices among The Intertwine Alliance partners.

**Partners:** Portland State University (PSU) Indigenous Nations Studies; PSU Geography Department; PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Native American Community Advisory Council to Portland Parks & Recreation; Friends of Inter-Tribal Gathering Gardens Portland Youth and Elders Council; The Intertwine Alliance; Native American Youth & Family Services; National Park Service RTCA Program

### **The Wisdom Project**

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. \$25,000

This Native youth leadership initiative provides Native American youth with hands-on outdoor conservation restoration and service learning during daily field trips to place-based natural areas. Paid peer mentors will develop leadership skills and career pathways while helping middle school youth at summer field science camp.

**Partners:** Native American Youth and Family Services; Beaverton School District's Title VII Indian Education Program; PSU Graduate School of Education; Northwest Indian College; Portland Community College's Career Pathway Program; City and county Offices of Sustainability; Portland Community Media TV; Ecotrust; Portland's United Nations Regional Center of Expertise; Oregon State Parks; Portland Parks and Recreation; Metro; Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

## **Large grants up to \$100,000**

### **Environment 2042 Environmental Education (E42 EE) Leadership Program**

Center for Diversity & the Environment \$100,000

The E42 EE Leadership Program will create a cadre of change agents that will build a more diverse, equitable and inclusive culture in the environmental movement while advancing equity and building more diverse leaders in the environmental education field.

**Partners:** Outdoor School; Friends of Trees; Portland Audubon; Janus Youth Programs; Play Again; The Conservation Fund; Environmental Education Association of Oregon; Coalition of Communities of Color; Trillium Public Charter School; Friends of Tryon Creek; Community Cycling Center; African American Outdoor Association; West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District; Confluence Environmental Center; Columbia Slough Watershed Council; Oregon State Parks Foundation; City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

### **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)**

Centro Cultural of Washington County \$100,000

STEAM is an after school/summer program that provides educational supports for Latino youth who are struggling with core academic subjects. Centro seeks to enhance the environmental science component of STEAM through partnerships with Clean Water Services, Pacific University, and several school districts in Washington County.

**Partners:** Clean Water Services; Pacific University; Forest Grove School District

## **Nadaka 2020 Conservation, Education and Stewardship Programming**

Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Friends of Nadaka \$61,000

Integrate and expand multicultural environmental education and social service delivery of eight collaborating organizations as part of a 3-year programming and operations and maintenance plan at Nadaka Nature Park and Garden. Programming will serve diverse youth and low-income residents throughout West Gresham and include a natural history ambassador program.

**Partners:** Audubon Society of Portland; Human Solutions; St. Aidan's Episcopal Church; Outgrowing Hunger; City of Gresham; HB Lee Middle School SUN Program

## **Slough School Community Engagement Project**

Columbia Slough Watershed Council (Slough School) \$66,963

The Slough School Community Engagement Project prepares the next generation of watershed stewards through hands-on ecological programming for elementary through college students in North and Northeast Portland, North Gresham, and Fairview while also connecting citizens to their local natural areas through community-based stewardship projects.

**Partners:** Portland Parks and Recreation; City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Clean Rivers Education Program; Rosemary Anderson POIC; Meek High School; Shaver Elementary School; Peninsula K-8 School; Kenton Neighborhood Association; East Columbia Neighborhood Association

## **Building a Comprehensive Regional Leadership Model for Conservation Education**

The Environmental Education Association of Oregon (EEAO) \$100,000

The Environmental Education Association of Oregon will hire a Regional Coordinator to lead development and implementation of an inclusive, lasting regional conservation education leadership model that represents a diverse cross-sector of individuals and organizations working together to build a healthy, just, and thriving Portland-Metro region.

**Partners:** Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network; The Intertwine Alliance; Portland Metro STEM Partnership; Portland Farm to School and School Garden Network; Growing Gardens; Center for Diversity and the Environment

## **PMSP E-STEM Connections**

Impact NW and the Portland Metro STEM Partnership \$67,629

Teacher teams from four local elementary schools will collaborate with four community conservation/environmental STEM (E-STEM) education organizations to enhance and implement place-based and service-learning experiences for students that demonstrate the synergy between the Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan and the Next Generation Science Standards.

**Partners:** Boise-Eliot Humboldt School; Joseph Gale Elementary; Quatama Elementary; Tobias Elementary; Clean Rivers Education; Clean Water Services; Oregon Zoo; SOLVE; Environmental Education Association of Oregon