



**Metro**

**Nature in Neighborhoods Conservation Education Grants  
2016 Grant Awards**

**CDE's Youth Leadership Development Program**

**Recipient: Center for Diversity & the Environment**

**Grant amount: \$30,000**

**Program Partners:** Youth Mentoring Collaborative, Westwind Stewardship Group, Metro/Oregon Zoo ZAP Program (Zoo Animal Presenters), Audubon Society of Portland TALON Program (Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe and Nurture), Friends of Tryon Creek

**Program summary:** CDE will offer their Youth Leadership and Development Program with a racial equity focus to engage historically underrepresented youth. The program will support participants as emerging leaders to reshape and diversify the environmental movement.

**Bike Camp**

**Recipient: Community Cycling Center**

**Grant amount: \$17,367**

**Program Partners:** Groundwork Portland, Hacienda CDC, Home Forward, Columbia Slough Watershed Council

**Program summary:** Bike Camp provides opportunities for youth (ages 6-13) from low-income families to discover nature in their own backyards. Participants ride to regional parks, learn through hands-on environmental education, develop problem-solving skills and earn a bicycle.

**Ecology Education in North Clackamas**

**Recipient: Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors**

**Grant amount: \$30,000**

**Program Partners:** North Clackamas School District, Oak Lodge Sanitary District, Clackamas River Water Providers, Schoolyard Farms, Institute for Permaculture Education for Children, Portland State University, North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council

**Program summary:** Ecology Education in North Clackamas engages 600 4th and 5th grade students and 20 teachers at four Title I elementary schools in the North Clackamas School District. Each classroom will receive four ecology lessons and a service-learning field trip.

**Opportunity Corps & Beyond**

**Recipient: Momentum Alliance**

**Grant amount: \$30,000**

**Program Partners:** Northwest Youth Corps, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Bureau of Land Management, APANO, Latino Network

**Program summary:** Opportunity Corps & Beyond is a partnership between Momentum Alliance & Northwest Youth Corps. The partnership will diversify leadership in conservation through intensive internships for ten youth and provide year-round programming and coaching for 35 additional youth.

### **Sandy River Delta Conservation Education**

**Recipient: Sandy River Basin Watershed Council**

**Grant amount: \$15,000**

**Program Partners:** Confluence, US Forest Service, Oregon Zoo, ODFW, Friends of the Sandy River Delta, Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute, Lower Columbia River Partnership, National Park Service, Friends of Trees

**Program summary:** The Sandy Delta Education Initiative brings Portland, Troutdale and Gresham students to the Sandy River Delta to develop a sense of stewardship through place-based learning about the Sandy River's ecology and culture and ongoing habitat restoration.

### **Soul River Youth and Veterans Program**

**Recipient: Soul River, Inc.**

**Grant amount: \$30,000**

**Program Partners:** U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Oregon Zoo, The Intertwine Alliance, City of Vancouver Parks & Recreation, PPS Title VII Indian Education, Integrated Interventions, Portland Parks & Recreation, Loop, Orvis, Swim, Water Master, Columbia Sportswear, Oregon Public House.

**Program summary:** Soul River, Inc. connects veterans and youth to nature through events in both local and remote settings. This project will strengthen learning about local nature, establish relationships with local youth organizations and build organizational capacity.

### **Growing Green: Training Diverse Leaders for Tomorrow's Jobs**

**Recipient: Tualatin Riverkeepers**

**Grant amount: \$30,000**

**Program Partners:** Tualatin Riverkeepers, Centro Cultural of Washington County, Muslim Educational Trust, Center for Intercultural Organizing

**Program summary:** As Washington County's green industry jobs increase, Tualatin Riverkeepers will work with Centro Cultural, Muslim Educational Trust and other partners to deliver culturally relevant vocational training and internships for people of color in urban forestry.

### **Blue Lake Young Rangers**

**Recipient: Washington County 4-H Association**

**Grant amount: \$21,259**

**Program Partners:** Metro, Portland Community College SE Center, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific NW Research Station, Alliance High School @ Joseph Meek ProTech, David Douglas High School, Parkrose Middle School, Reynolds School District, Food & Community Health interns from OSU Extension School

**Program summary:** This summer capstone experience, piloted in 2015, will continue the success of the Blue Lake Young Rangers. Middle and High School aged rangers from diverse backgrounds participate in outdoor service projects, conduct research and explore new technologies, develop interpretive materials, and present their findings.