

**Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship Community Grants  
2019 Grant Awards**

**Backyard Habitat Certification Program – Washington County Expansion and Equity Project**

**Recipient:** Audubon Society of Portland and Columbia Land Trust

**Grant amount:** \$64,658

**Project Partners:** Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation, Clean Water Services and the Cities of Tigard, Tualatin and Beaverton

**Program summary:** Expansion of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program to provide technical assistance, incentives, resources, and recognition to Washington County residents as they enhance native wildlife habitat, control invasive weeds, reduce pesticides, and manage stormwater at home while deepening the diversity, equity and inclusion training for program staff.

**Young Black Environmentalists Internship Program**

**Recipient:** Camp E.L.S.O. Inc.

**Fiscal Sponsor:** Kenton Action Plan

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Project Partners:** BEAM Village (Black Educational Achievement Movement), Friends of Tryon Creek, The Blueprint Foundation, Crag Environmental Law Center, Portland Harbor Community Coalition and Reed College

**Program summary:** Internships, education, and exposure to all levels of environmental careers for Black students to increase leadership, engagement, and representation for people of color in the broader environmental movement.

**Seiben Creek Landowner Stewardship Engagement Project**

**Recipient:** Clackamas River Basin Council

**Grant amount:** \$22,000

**Project Partners:** Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District and the Clackamas River Community Cooperative

**Program summary:** A riparian zone restoration and residential stewardship education project on the property of the Clackamas River Community Cooperative, a nonprofit, resident-owned manufactured home community with riverfront property along the Clackamas River.

### **Depave the Centennial School District**

**Recipient:** Depave

**Grant amount:** \$42,000

**Project Partners:** Centennial School District: Powell Butte, Patrick Lynch, and Oliver-Parklane elementary schools, Mercy Corps Northwest, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services Clean Rivers Education and Johnson Creek Watershed Council

**Program summary:** This project will develop, plan and implement two to three re-greening projects at Title 1 Centennial School District elementary schools. Depave will conduct a community design process, and create ~10,000 sf of new greenspaces with 800 native plants, nature play and on-site stormwater elements.

### **Collaborative Community Stewardship: Restoring Public Land through Traditional Knowledge**

**Recipient:** Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors

**Grant amount:** \$75,452

**Project Partners:** Wisdom of the Elders, Portland Parks and Recreation and Portland Public Schools: Lent, Kelly, and Marysville school sites

**Program summary:** Project Partners will create a collaborative approach to improving local habitats, whereby members of Indigenous groups mentor students in Traditional Ecological Knowledge while meeting the restoration needs of public lands.

### **SW 25th Ave ROW Community Trail Restoration**

**Recipient:** Friends of Fanno Creek Headwaters

**Fiscal Sponsor:** Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation

**Grant amount:** \$12,500

**Project Partners:** Habitat Restoration NW, LLC, SW Watershed Resource Center, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, SOLVE, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Portland Jewish Academy, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

**Program summary:** This project is located along a popular SW Portland community trail used by a diverse group of people. This project engages the community in a variety of restoration and educational programs to improve and maintain this neighborhood green space.

### **Gladstone Nature Park Butterfly Hill**

**Recipient:** Friends of Gladstone Nature Park

**Grant amount:** \$11,600

**Project Partners:** Gladstone School District, Boskey Dell Nursery, City of Gladstone and Exceed Enterprises

**Program summary:** This project will rehabilitate a 25-foot tall hill located in the Gladstone Nature Park using park and city volunteers, along with middle and high school students and their families, to restore it with native plants that will attract pollinators including butterflies.

### **Mitchell Creek Floodplain Restoration**

**Recipient:** Johnson Creek Watershed Council

**Grant amount:** \$36,750

**Project Partners:** Centennial School District, The Nature Conservancy, Portland General Electric, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Wisdom of the Elders, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Program summary:** A 35-acre property in the Mitchell Creek Floodplain contains an artificially constructed and impounded in-line pond that is both a fish passage barrier and a cause of lethally high summer temperature for salmonids. This project will remove the barriers and add large wood for habitat.

### **Re-Indigenizing the Urban Landscapes**

**Recipient:** National Indian Parent Information Center

**Fiscal Sponsor:** Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

**Grant amount:** \$49,819

**Project Partners:** City Repair, Portland Parks & Recreation, Indigenous Nations Studies at Portland State University

**Program summary:** An Indigenous multigenerational approach to restoration; healing the land and ourselves. Revitalizing cultural connections to Place by creating an inclusive community utilizing Traditional Ecological Knowledge to restore waterways and wildlife habitats.

## **Green Job Workforce Development for High School Aged Youth**

**Recipient:** Northwest Youth Corps

**Grant amount:** \$86,751

**Project Partners:** Girls Inc., Friends of Trees, Forest Park Conservancy, City of Troutdale, Portland Workforce Alliance

**Program summary:** A collaboration with Girls Inc. to improve the ability of high school aged youth from historically marginalized groups to help restore the region's natural areas, as they earn money, and engage in green job workforce development.

## **Student Crew Leadership Training Program**

**Recipient:** Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.

**Grant amount:** \$50,000

**Project Partners:** Friends of Trees, Portland Parks & Recreation, Gresham Parks and Recreation, Friends of Nadaka Nature Park, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum and Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors

**Program summary:** Through the Student Crew Leadership Training Program, project partners provide low-income youth and youth of color with the opportunity to restore local habitats and receive career-track natural resource mentorship/education.

## **Balch Creek Restoration Partnership**

**Recipient:** The Forest Park Conservancy

**Grant amount:** \$100,000

**Project Partners:** Portland Parks and Recreation, Rosario Franco, Inc., Ash Creek Forest Management, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland State University

**Program summary:** The Balch Creek Restoration Partnership has three elements: 1) Habitat restoration, 2) Promotion of community stewardship, and 3) Improving economic and environmental equity. The project will directly benefit 200 acres of Forest Park in the Balch Creek Watershed.

### **Westside Wildlife Corridor for People and Habitat**

**Recipient:** West Willamette Restoration Partnership

**Fiscal Sponsor:** Columbia Land Trust

**Grant amount:** \$63,000

**Project Partners:** Portland Parks & Recreation, Columbia Land Trust, Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Terwilliger, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Wisdom of the Elders, Community Engagement Liaison Services, Central City Concern and Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

**Program summary:** The West Willamette Restoration Partnership will enhance 20 acres of forest habitat in SW Portland and implement a community engagement project with culturally-specific organizations to inform planning for trails and access to nature.

### **From Labor to Leadership: Advancing People of Color into Restoration Careers**

**Recipient:** Verde

**Grant amount:** \$30,599

**Project Partners:** Columbia Slough Watershed Council, VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project, Hacienda CDC and City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

**Program summary:** This project will provide a series of site-specific restoration trainings in the Columbia Slough Watershed designed by low-income people of color, taking Verde Landscape from labor to leadership in the local environmental sector.

### **Restoration Equity: Stewardship and Job Skills for Immigrant Workers**

**Recipient:** Voz Workers' Rights Education Project

**Grant amount:** \$50,000

**Project Partners:** City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, People-Places-Things, Verde, Oregon State University Master Gardener Program and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

**Program summary:** Project partners will work together to provide restoration skills trainings and hands-on restoration experiences that improve economic outcomes for day laborers.