

Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Community Grants 2018 Grant Awards

Advancing Cultural and Environmental Equity for API Communities

Recipient: APANO Communities United Fund

Grant amount: \$30,000

Program Partners: Friends of Trees, Willamette Partnership, Columbia Land Trust, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Multnomah County, Oregon Zoo

Program summary: Connects APANO members with greater Portland's parks and natural areas and offers leadership development opportunities to advance environmental equity in East Portland neighborhoods.

Environment 2042 Emerging Leaders (E42EL)

Recipient: Center for Diversity & the Environment

Grant amount: \$60,000

Program Partners: US Fish & Wildlife, Racial Equity Institute, Youth Mentoring Collaborative (which includes other organizations such as USFW and Portland Parks & Recreation), Leaven Community, CDE Community

Program summary: The Environment 2042 Emerging Leaders Program will identify and develop a cohort of youth (age 18 to 25) from the Metro area to prepare them to build a more diverse, equitable and inclusive environmental movement in the region.

Nature-focused Scholarship Bike Camps!

Recipient: Community Cycling Center

Grant amount: \$54,771

Program Partners: Sharon Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Shaver Elementary SUN Community School program, Hacienda Community Development Corporation, Gladys Ruiz Consulting, Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Program summary: The Community Cycling Center has taught high-quality summer bike camps since 2000. This program will deliver 20 week-long, nature-focused, full-scholarship bike camps to low-income youth, primarily youth of color, including giving new bikes to 100 participants in North, Northeast and East Portland.

Ecology Education in North Clackamas

Recipient: Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors

Grant amount: \$57,700

Program Partners: N. Clackamas School District: Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Bilquist, Ardenwald and Whitcomb Elementary Schools, Clackamas Water Environment Services, Oak Lodge Water Services, The Wetlands

Program summary: Ecology Education in North Clackamas will engage 1,200 third- through fifth-grade students and 40 teachers at five Title I elementary schools each year of this two-year program. Each classroom receives four ecology lessons and a service-learning field trip each year.

Reclaiming Indigenous Futures through Cultural Ecology

Recipient: Friends of Tryon Creek

Grant amount: \$100,000

Program Partners: Native American Youth and Family Center, Cultural Lifeways Community, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon State Parks Foundation

Program summary: Friends of Tryon Creek will collaborate with the Native American Youth and Family Center to reclaim and reconnect to culturally significant lands at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, through the Cultural Ecology curriculum, supported by Cultural Lifeways.

Farm School

Recipient: Friends of Zenger Farm

Grant amount: \$72,850

Program Partners: David Douglas School District, Wisdom of the Elders, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, SUN Community Schools at Gilbert Park and Earl Boyles Elementary, ROSE Community Development, and Mt. Scott Learning Center

Program summary: Farm School is a farm, garden and wetland-based outdoor education program that connects East Portland youth with 12 hours of instruction over three seasons and introduces their families with a natural area near their home.

KairosPDX – Culturally Responsive Nature Education

Recipient: KairosPDX

Grant amount: \$60,000

Program Partners: Mudbone Grown LLC, Oregon State University Extension 4-H, Portland State University, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

Program summary: KairosPDX is engaged in providing all of its diverse 160 students with experiential and culturally responsive nature-based outdoor education through community partnerships, classroom lessons, neighborhood outdoor adventures, and excursions to natural areas.

Portland Harbor Access & Cultural Ties to the River

Recipient: Portland Harbor Community Coalition

Grant amount: \$30,000

Program Partners: Get Hooked, LLC, East European Coalition, American Indian Movement - Portland Chapter, Iraqi Society of Oregon

Program summary: This program connects and re-connects youth and adults to the Portland Harbor through culturally-specific events and outings that educate about the Willamette River and superfund site and inspire a reverence for nature and wildlife.

Student Crew Leadership Training Program

Recipient: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.

Grant amount: \$30,000

Program Partners: Friends of Trees, Portland Parks & Recreation, Metro, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum, Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors, Xerces Society

Program summary: Through the Student Crew Leadership Team Training Program, POIC, Friends of Trees and others provide low-income youth of color with the opportunity to engage in project-based education and career-track natural resource mentorship.

Soul River Conservation Leadership Training and Celebration of Wild Steelhead

Recipient: Soul River Incorporated

Grant amount: \$15,000

Program Partners: Urban Nature Partners, Vive NW, US Fish & Wildlife, Rosemary Anderson High School, Sistah Sistah, Afrovivalist, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Portland Fly Shop

Program summary: This program provides educational and training activities at Oxbow Park and the Celebration of Wild Steelhead at McCoy Park, which connect to and support educational deployments to the Arctic, the Ochoco Mountains, Owyhee Canyonlands and Bears Ears National Monument.

Nature Experiences and Workforce Training (NEWT): Changing the Face of the Field

Recipient: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

Grant amount: \$69,935

Program Partners: Adelante Mujeres, Beaverton School District including the Multilingual Department, Columbia Sportswear, Friends of the Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Vose Neighborhood Association Committee

Program summary: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District will partner with Adelante Mujeres and the Beaverton School District to develop after-school nature programming at four schools in Beaverton and develop a two-year workforce development program for Latino students.

Growing Green: Training Leaders for Tomorrows Jobs

Recipient: Tualatin Riverkeepers

Grant amount: \$99,880

Program Partners: Centro Cultural, Muslim Educational Trust, The Wetlands Conservancy, City of Tualatin, City of Portland Urban Forestry Department, Friends of Trees

Program summary: Tualatin Riverkeeper's Green Jobs-Urban Forestry Training Program uses private, public and non-profit partnerships to promote environmental stewardship, increase access to economic opportunities and improve the social conditions of immigrants and refugees in Washington County.

Living Cully Youth Nature Education Program

Recipient: Verde

Grant amount: \$80,044

Program Partners: Hacienda CDC's Expresiones after-school program, Native American Youth and Family Center's Early College Academy, Portland Youth and Elders Council, Scott Elementary School, Rigler Elementary School, Portland State University

Program summary: Verde's two-year youth nature education program will benefit low-income youth and youth of color in Portland's Cully neighborhood and establish a replicable model of service delivery.

Wisdom Workforce Development Program

Recipient: Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.

Grant amount: \$39,820

Program Partners: Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Portland Parks City Nature East and West, Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors, Zenger Farm, Friends of Trees, Native American Youth and Family Center, Green Lents, ROSE Community Development, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Leach Botanical Garden, Reed and Lewis & Clark Colleges

Program summary: Wisdom Workforce Development provides Native American adults with culturally tailored environmental assessment and habitat restoration workforce training and provides diverse partners with equity training through field experience in local natural areas.