

2020 Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Community Grants (In alphabetical order)

Organization name: African Youth and Community Organization

Program title: East African Youth Environmental Leadership Program

Amount requested: \$70,000

Program Partners: Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Camp E.L.S.O., Zenger Farms, and Leach Botanical Garden

Potential Partners: Blueprint Foundation.

Program summary: Launches an environmental literacy and leadership program for 3rd-12th grade youth of the Pan African Diaspora that connects the climate emergency in Somalia to issues of environmental injustice and sustainability impacting Somalis in Portland.

Organization name: Camp E.L.S.O. Inc.

Program title: Culturally Responsive Nature Education

Amount requested: \$100,000

Program Partners: Blueprint Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife, Lower Columbia Estuary Partners, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Friends of Tryon Creek, PGE- Project Zero Greater Than, Morrison Child and Family Services, SUN providers

Program summary: Improves and expands year-round, culturally specific environmental STEAM education programs for children and youth, designed by and for communities of color in partnership with schools and community organizations, with a focus on STEM career pathways.

Organization name: Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Program title: SLOUGH SCHOOL 20-22

Amount requested: \$40,755 (partial grant award)

Program Partners: Portland Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland Water Bureau, City of Gresham, City of Fairview, Multnomah Co Drainage District, Native American Youth and Families Center (NAYA), Verde Club Aves, and Schools: Cesar Chavez, King, Rigler, St Andrew Nativity, Woodland, Fairview, Salish Ponds

Potential Partners: UNIDOS, Project Blueprint, Wisdom of the Elders, Portland Harbor Community Coalition, and Schools: Reynolds Learning Academy, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc. and Rosemary Anderson High School (POIC+RAHS), Alliance HS at Meek, De La Salle North HS, Rose City Park, Sabin, Astor, Sacramento, Prescott

Program summary: Provides free K-12 education for schools in the Columbia Slough Watershed that reduces barriers to outdoor learning for students in Title I schools in Portland, Parkrose, Reynolds, and Gresham-Barlow Districts with classroom lessons and field trips.

Organization name: Confluence

Program title: Confluence Outdoors

Amount requested: \$20,000

Program Partners: Sandy River Watershed Council, Beaverton School District's Title IV Indian Education Program, Hillsboro School District's Title IV Indian Education Program, Native American Youth and Families Center (NAYA), and the Cottonwood School for Civics and Science

Program summary: Connects Native American students from Hillsboro, Beaverton and Portland with Indigenous educators at the Sandy River Delta to learn lessons in history, culture, ecology and art.

Organization name: Friends of Tryon Creek

Program title: Healing Generations and Land through Cultural Ecology

Amount requested: \$70,000

Program Partners: Friends of Tryon Creek, Parrott Creek Child and Family Services, Cultural Lifeways Community, The Inn Home for Boys, The I Am Academy, CASA of Clackamas County, Clackamas Women's Services, Northwest Family Services, Redstone Collective

Potential Partners: Clackamas Education Services District, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Oregon State University Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program, Red Lodge

Program summary: Brings healing to the community and landscape through Traditional Indigenous healing practices that involve healing youth alongside the land, stabilize healthy families, and build ecosystem resilience for future generations.

Organization name: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization - IRCO

Program title: IRCO Slavic Youth Environmental Stewardship program

Amount requested: \$80,000

Program Partners: David Douglas School District, Parkrose School District, Multnomah County SUN Service System, Clackamas County Water Environment Services, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Johnson Creek Watershed Council.

Potential Partners: Wild Salmon Center, Clackamas Web Academy

Program summary: Fosters environmental stewardship in at risk youth via education with conservation and outdoor activities that connect underserved immigrant and refugee students with nature.

Organization name: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.

Program title: Student Crew Leadership Training Program

Amount requested: \$50,000

Program Partners: Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc. and Rosemary Anderson High School (POIC+RAHS), Friends of Trees, Portland Parks & Recreation, Gresham Parks and Recreation, Outgrowing Hunger, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Friends of Columbia Children's Arboretum, Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors (ECO)

Program summary: Provides low-income youth and youth of color with the opportunity to restore local habitats and receive career-track natural resource mentorship/education.

Organization name: The Forest Park Conservancy

Program title: Nature Education Outings Program

Amount requested: \$39,000

Program Partners: Elevate Oregon; ViveNW

Program summary: Builds and executes curriculum for nature education outings in Forest Park and Metro-owned Natural Areas for 7th and 8th grade students at the Park Rose Middle School, with the objective of supporting their academic and personal development.

Organization name: The Wetlands Conservancy

Program title: Partners in Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Amount requested: \$38,750

Program Partners: Wisdom of the Elders, Cascade Education Corps, Bridgeport Elementary, Greenway Elementary, Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors, Clean Water Services, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

Potential Partners: Mary Woodward Elementary, Oregon Community Foundation, Portland Garden Club, TE Connectivity, Grey Family Foundation

Program summary: Improves the health of various Washington County communities and environments using indigenous knowledge methods of natural area enhancement to urban wetlands.

Organization name: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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

Amount requested: \$90,795

Program Partners: Adelante Mujeres, Beaverton School District, and Clean Water Services

Potential Partners: Friends of the Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Program summary: Provides after school nature programming for Latino audiences and expand our current multi-year, workforce development program focusing on Latino students.

Organization name: Tualatin Riverkeepers

Program title: Growing Green: Environmental Workforce Training Program

Amount requested: \$80,700

Program Partners: Centro Cultural de Washington County

Potential Partners: Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District; Washington County, Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Grove School District, Pacific University, Portland Community College

Program summary: Collaboratively provides career development opportunities with culturally-specific partners to promote and improve pathways to environmental careers within communities of color.

Organization name: Wild Diversity

Program title: Rooted Youth Ecology

Amount requested: \$20,000

Program Partners: Latino Network, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Portland Audubon

Potential Partners: Verde, Brown Girls Rise, Boys & Girl Club, Betties 360, Kairos PDX, Native American Youth and Families Center (NAYA)

Program summary: Builds youth of color's relationship around the water and waterways, makes the outdoors more accessible for communities of color and fosters a respect for nature and outdoor experiences.