

Parks and Nature Capacity-building Sponsorships

Spring 2021

By-invitation program

[Juniper Community Garden: Enhancing Access to the Outdoors for Latinx Families](#)

Recipient: Adelante Mujeres

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will support development of a community garden space for Latinx families to enhance access to green spaces, experience habitat connectivity, increase fruit and vegetable intake, and develop regenerative practices of caring for the earth and its organisms.

[Transportation Justice for the East African Youth Environmental Leadership Program](#)

Recipient: African Youth and Community Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$8,000

Program summary: These funds support purchase of a used 12-passenger van to transport youth to and from natural spaces with priority being given to young women to participate in an environmental literacy and leadership program for youth of the Pan Africa Diaspora.

[Building Black Futures Farm](#)

Recipient: Black Food Sovereignty Collective and Black Futures Farm

Sponsorship amount: \$9,303

Program summary: These funds support building of additional garden boxes at Learning Gardens Lab site and production of material to promote community farm. Garden boxes will allow folks of all abilities to utilize the site and promotional materials will describe offerings to the community. Work in partnership with the soil and plants to produce food for humans and also to enrich the soil further, by practicing regenerative, soil building techniques, no chemicals or artificial substances.

[Brown Folks Fishing Lab](#)

Recipient: Brown Folks Fishing

Sponsorship amount: \$9,500

Program summary: This fellowship program is for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) anglers who wish to use fishing as a gateway to engaging their communities in environmental justice. The Lab provides anglers with one-on-one support, workshops, gear and resources, and networking opportunities. It is designed to support anglers of any level in advancing their knowledge and skill in fishing, environmental justice, storytelling, and community organizing. The Lab will cultivate a diverse network of anglers who can lead at the intersection of equity, community, and environmentalism.

Hacienda Youth Leadership

Recipient: Hacienda CDC

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds support a partnership with Portland Audubon Society to host a nine month Leadership Program for high school aged youth in the Cully Neighborhood. The leadership program will contain environmental education and leadership curriculum, will give youth hands on experience leading children in the field and will culminate in Youth serving in Audubon Summer positions.

Leadership training to connect BIPOC with nature

Recipient: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$2,500

Program summary: IRCO will host a leadership development training within our Greater Middle East Center. This training will support their capacity to offer programming that facilitates BIPOC connection with nature.

Creemos (We Grow) Outdoors

Recipient: Latino Outdoors

Sponsorship amount: \$7,023.50

Program summary: This leadership development training for staff or community members supports their capacity to offer programming that facilitates BIPOC connection with nature. Several events will focus on different ways of connecting with nature such as outdoor related skills (fishing, camping, canoeing), naturalizing (birding and native plant identification) and take-home activities such as medicinal plant workshops.

Medicine Gathering at Oxbow Park, September 9-13, 2021

Recipient: Pacific NW Council of Water Protectors

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This event, our fourth annual Medicine Gathering, brings Native People and non-Native allies from the Portland Metropolitan and entire Northwest together to strengthen spirits and relationships, celebrate Native culture, and coordinate regional plans for protecting water and life.

Capacity-Building Support for PDX ASC Wellness in Nature Programs

Recipient: PDX Alliance for Self Care

Sponsorship amount: \$4,750

Program summary: These funds will expand our capacity to connect BIPOC and/or low-income youth & their families to a variety of resources and educational initiatives via our Wellness in Nature programs. These programs focus on issues of health equity & environmental racism, food justice, environmental stewardship, community empowerment, and racial equity in education. Specific initiatives include seasonal community Nature Walks, an annual summer Youth Camp, and an ongoing community garden program.

Portland POC Hikes Gear Library

Recipient: Portland POC Hikes

Sponsorship amount: \$9,500

Program summary: The funds will be used to purchase “loaner” gear in order to host backpacking and snowshoeing events, to allow people who can’t afford to buy gear to try out outdoor activities at a minimal cost.

Mazingra Bora (Healthy Environment)

Recipient: Risen Community

Sponsorship amount: \$4,750

Program summary: Risen Community will provide educational resources and hands-on health & environmental classes on plants, animals, and wildlife species, while engaging the community with outdoor exercising recreations such as hiking, fishing, biking, canoeing, and a variety of outdoor games and picnics.

Head Start on Engineering 2.0: Nature-based and culturally-specific design challenges for Black early learners

Recipient: The Blueprint Foundation

Sponsorship amount: \$9,495

Program summary: This series of activities is intended for use by parents and childcare providers to nurture Black early learners’ engineering design skills through storytelling and play at home and in nature.

Creative Arts and Nature Appreciation

Recipient: Transformative Living Community International

Sponsorship amount: \$4,750

Program summary: This activity will include music, food and fun COVID safe camping. Acoustic musicians, culinary artists and nature guides to share three days of outdoor community connection.

Club Aves- Culturally Specific Nature Exploration and Excursions

Recipient: Verde

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: To encourage independent family activities while also being COVID Safe, this activity provides multilingual (English, Spanish, and Somali) outdoor excursion kits, including curriculum and activities that families can adapt for their neighborhood park or greenspace. COVID safe neighborhood nature walks will include photo narratives by and for the youth and organize a paddle trip/community nature day.

Voz Climate Justice Curriculum & Leadership Initiative

Recipient: Voz Workers Rights and Education Project

Sponsorship amount: \$8,000

Program summary: A series of dynamic and popular education-based trainings to building worker leadership around climate justice and environmental racism.

Paddle Program

Recipient: Wild Diversity

Sponsorship amount: \$9,500

Program summary: These funds support equipment for 2021 paddle program, which includes leadership training, supporting two year-round paddle crews, small group paddle outings and youth experience on the water.

Capacity Increase

Recipient: Wisdom of the Elders

Sponsorship amount: \$4,750

Program summary: The funding will help cover increased community outreach for job training opportunities that include hands-on field training via paid internship opportunities.

Open call program

African Refugees Leading a Healthy Outdoor Life

Recipient: African Refugee Immigrant Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This community capacity building project is meant to encourage a Healthy Outdoor Life by African immigrant families. 5 training workshops will be offered to educate and empower families to participate in physical and recreational activities.

Atabey Medicine BIPOC Herbal Apprenticeship

Recipient: Atabey Medicine BIPOC Herbal Apprenticeship

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds support materials for the Atabey BIPOC Medicine Apprenticeship, a year-long program for people who self-identify as Queer (Q), Trans (T), Black, Indigenous and/or People of Color (QTBIPOC) that seeks to support their connection to their ancestry, ancestral medicine, and intuitive healing practices through food, ceremony, intentional time in nature, plant medicine and more. Funding is for materials.

Sunday Soul Strolls -- Building Black Community in Beaverton

Recipient: Beaverton Black Parent Union

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This series of Sunday Soul Strolls designates a local park and time frame on Sunday afternoons for Black youth and families in Beaverton to walk, run, cycle, skate, or another exercise activity they prefer -- as a way to increase outdoor participation in our community, improve health outcomes, build community connectedness and affirm our presence in the Beaverton area.

BIPOC Land-leadership Gatherings

Recipient: BIPOC Land-leadership Group

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This interactive series offered at Kelly Butte Natural Area Park, will focus on holding space for Black and brown bodies to connect with the land and each other. Each day in this series is curated to highlight the stories, challenges, and accomplishments of local BIPOC environmental leaders through community conversation, education, networking, and land stewardship.

Black Men's Wellness

Recipient: Black Men's Wellness

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Black Men's Wellness Paddle out is the second installment in the 'Black PPI Don't Sh@#T!' Outdoor series. The focus of the series to increase awareness and access to local parks and nature preserve areas in the greater Portland Metro area are to Black and African-American men. This installment will introduce participants to the Columbia Slough thru a guided Kayak and Stand-Up paddle boarding tour.

Intersectional outdoor and nature-based education for BIPOC girls and non-binary femme youth.

Recipient: Brown Girl Rise

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds increase accessibility to environmental and land-reclamation programming for BIPOC girls and non-binary femmes of color. Funds will be used for equipment, transportation and facilitator stipends for these activities. Nature-based programming includes food sovereignty, environmental activism history and skills, land reclamation, outdoor skills, and more.

City Repair's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Program

Recipient: City Repair Project

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds provide resources and technical assistance to BIPOC organizers working in frontline communities, specifically supporting their continued education and skill-building while supporting them with installing gardens, structures and other community-enhancing infrastructure within the places they live, work and play.

Hidaya Women's Hiking project

Recipient: Muslimah's United

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: The Hidaya Women's hiking program help Muslims of color to get outside hiking, by providing gear and support.

PDX Climbers of Color Gear Library

Recipient: PDX Climbers of Color

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds provide gear to people who want to attend rock climbing events but can't afford it, removing a barrier to participating in the sport.

People of Color Outdoors Capacity Building 2021 – 2022

Recipient: People of Color Outdoors

Sponsorship amount: \$9,500

Program summary: These funds increase programmatic capacity to extend the safe and prepared involvement of participants by outfitting them properly for Northwest weather, partially support a small office, support facilitation for inaugural board strategic planning retreat, and support tech and graphic design to increase our visibility and reach with BIPOC communities.

BIPOC Leadership at Nadaka Nature Park

Recipient: Play Grow Learn

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds support emerging local Black-Led organization to assume leadership responsibilities at Nadaka Nature Park in Gresham.

Nature Excursions NAACP Partnership

Recipient: Portland NAACP Environmental Justice Committee

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: In partnership with Metro's Nature Education Team NAACP members (prioritizing teen and younger members) will be trained to conduct nature hikes for BIPOC community members in Metro's Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area, Oxbow Regional Park, and Scouters Mountain Nature Park.

Wildtending Portland with Indigenous Practices

Recipient: Raceme Farm Collective

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds for a BIPOC agricultural collective support design and development of a BIPOC wildtending program that centers Indigenous ways of knowing, Indigenous agricultural and land-work practices.

Support for Native Cultural Education and Healing

Recipient: Earth Generations Council

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These camps promote the education of indigenous peoples to learn and practice the traditional cultural milestones that structure life from childhood to elder status, provide a practical understanding of Native spirituality and foster a deep respect for Mother Earth.

Poly's at the Park

Recipient: Tongan Women's Association of Oregon

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This community education opportunity to introduces Tongan youth at an urban park, to explore nature and respect nature, and create community engagement. An elder from the community will share historical farming in their Pacific homelands.

Inclusiveness with Nature

Recipient: Umoya Relief Foundation

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These nature hikes help Bajuni Youth connect to nature and relieve stress and will include a lesson on the science of nature and depression.

Diversifying the Outdoors with Vive NW

Recipient: Vive NW

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These funds support acquisition of personal floatation devices and paddlecraft to provide safe access to water recreation to underserved communities while adhering to COVID-19 safety precautions and regulations.

Stitching Lives Together

Recipient: Women-Sew Global Foundation

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: These classes are on the art of textile dyeing using plant-based dyes and organic fabric to expand the skills of the women in the sewing collective on the intersection between textiles, nature and mixed media.

BIPOC Yoga in the Forest

Recipient: Yoga Punx & Freedom to Thrive

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This event brings BIPOC together to do yoga while connecting with their natural forest environment (socially distanced, in Forest Park).