

Parks and Nature Sponsorships for Community-led Programs 2021

Latinx Family Engagement: Metro Parks and Nature

Recipient: Adelante Mujeres

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will support enhanced culturally-specific Family Engagement programming on environmental education and stewardship opportunities for our Latinx Families throughout Washington County, OR.

Connecting With Nature

Recipient: African Refugee Immigrant Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds support African youth, adults and seniors to participate in a variety of activities, including hiking, fishing, camping, field trips, canoeing, boating, and visiting state parks, gardens, historical sites, and beaches.

Black PPL Don't Do That!! Outdoor Series

Recipient: Black Men's Wellness

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds support an introduction to kayaking event meant to educate Black and African-American men to Portland's most accessible water ways and or access points while informing participants of the health and wellness benefits of kayaking.

Sunday Soul Strolls -- Building Black Community in Beaverton

Recipient: Beaverton Black Parent Union

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will be used to organize BBPU's second series of Sunday Soul Strolls, designating a local park and time frame on Sunday afternoons for Black youth and families in Beaverton to walk, run, cycle, skate, or just whatever exercise they prefer -- as a way to build community connectedness, awareness of local greenspaces, and reaffirm our presence in the City of Beaverton.

Trails and Trees for Black QT's

Recipient: Black and Beyond the Binary Collective

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will help get more Black transgender, queer, nonbinary, and intersex+ folks in Portland Metro out into parks more often, recognizing that we carry in our DNA an ancestral wisdom that connects us to the land. The goal of this program is to provide a space for social connection, sharing of wisdom, and focusing on paths/parks that are accessible as possible.

Multigenerational Land Cultivation at Chehalem Ridge

Recipient: Centro Cultural del Condado de Washington

Sponsorship amount: \$5000

Program summary: These funds will be used to host two events where 28 youth and seniors will learn about the way colonization has shaped the landscape of Chehalem Ridge, discuss the effects today, and plant native ferns, shrubs and trees.

Support for Cultural Education and Healing

Recipient: Earth Generations Council

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These two annual cultural camps promote the cultural education of indigenous peoples necessary for understanding and practicing the ceremonies: the traditional cultural milestones that structure life from childhood to elder status.

Gardening with BIPOC Communities

Recipient: Growing Gardens

Sponsorship amount: \$4,600

Program summary: These funds will help establish multigenerational gardening experience and expertise within BIPOC and low-income communities. Home Gardens provides three years of gardening mentorship, including workshops, equipment and supplies, and support in building community-based leadership through connections to a neighborhood network of gardeners.

Hidaya Women's Hiking project

Recipient: Hidaya Women's Hiking Group

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program will train Black and Indigenous people of color community members for intermediate backpacking, including first responder training and compensation for hike leaders from within the community.

PDX BIPOC Archery Experience

Recipient: Hunters of Color

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This two-part archery series consists of classes on the history of and introduction to archery, bowmaking with Indigenous bow maker Joshua Hood of Modoc Bows, and facilitated conversation about the outdoors as healing space, in order to facilitate connection to nature and reclaim ancestral and cultural heritages in affordable, accessible settings.

I'm Hooked Inc Outdoor Recreation Adoption Model: Connecting BIPOC Youth with Nature and Fostering a Sense of Stewardship.

Recipient: I'm Hooked Inc

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will support a series of outdoor fishing events for youth alongside a training event for program stakeholders to build a coalition of partners and staff to serve as role models within the program.

MANA

Recipient: Ka ‘Aha Lahui O ‘Olekona Hawaiian Civic Club of Oregon and SW Washington

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: MANA is a program that will focus on cultural education through art, history, and food sovereignty. Our program is committed to creating sustainable cultural food supplies to our NHPI communities through creation of a cultural garden.

Latino Network: Education Access

Recipient: Latino Network

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will provide gardening equipment, backpacking gear, food, and other supplies to educational access programs for middle school and high school aged youth.

Nature Youth Leadership Program

Recipient: NAACP Portland, Branch 1120B - Environmental Justice Committee

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program facilitates nature excursions in Metro Parks, led by BIPOC youth leaders. In the second year of this “train the trainer” leadership program, youth leaders will be trained with Metro staff and NAACP volunteers and then lead community members for nature excursions.

Kayaking with Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Recipient: Outdoor Afro

Sponsorship amount: \$2,692

Program summary: This programming will allow members of all levels to try out kayaking through a paddle down the Smith and Bybee Wetlands natural Area and Whitaker Ponds, while also building community with each other.

Outdoor Black Flame Yin Yoga

Recipient: Outdoor Afro

Sponsorship amount: \$1,600

Program summary: This sponsorship will introduce Outdoor Afro Portland members to the many benefits of practicing yoga outdoors which include: aligning with nature by incorporating the living entity that is earth and all its changes that add to the practice, developing inner strength and stability, improving skill and muscles for balance, and increasing inner proprioception skills.

Outdoor Afro Par and Away Golf Series

Recipient: Outdoor Afro

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: Based on requests for beginner gold lessons from Outdoor Afro Portland membership, this program will provide a series of gold lessons and history of Black gold to interested beginners, to uncover and amplify the historical and ongoing contributions of Black people in the outdoors in different ways and spaces.

Outdoor Afro Full Moon Snowshoe Adventure

Recipient: Outdoor Afro

Sponsorship amount: \$3,300

Program summary: This program will give support attendees to experience the serenity of a snowy winter wonderland by moonlight with a small group of intrepid, fellow BIPOC adventurers! Guides will lead attendees on moon-lit trails blanketed by snow and teach them fun snowshoeing tips and techniques, including how to remain safe and comfortable as they experience the winter world in a whole new light.

Outdoor Afro Glamping Trip to Silver Falls State Park

Recipient: Outdoor Afro

Sponsorship amount: \$4,868

Program summary: These funds will support a weekend event at the beautiful Silver Falls State Park, preceded by an introduction to camping for beginners, with the overall goal of creating welcoming environments for Black campers.

PDX Climbers of Color Outdoor sessions

Recipient: PDX Climbers of Color

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program will be in collaboration with Everybody Climbs to provide guided outdoor climbing classes to BIPOC with the understanding that these classes are typically very expensive and act as a barrier to diversity in the outdoors.

Birding and Forest Bathing at Metro Parks

Recipient: People of Color Outdoors

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will support walks and hikes at various Metro properties led by BIPOC hike leaders trained in forest bathing and mindfulness techniques and how to lead birding outings. Many of the hikes will also include opportunities to share a meal for storytelling, local history, cultural relevance to the space, book readings, singing, and art projects.

Afro-Ecology Knotty x Nature Community Learning Series

Recipient: Portland African American Leadership Forum (PAALF)

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This series of Black Nature events for Black communities, who traditionally lack access to parks and nature, Series will take our Black communities on a journey through interactive community engagement, educational opportunities, and dynamic hikes with Black experts in the field.

Portland POC Hikes Backpacking/Camping/Hiking Support

Recipient: Portland POC Hikes

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: These funds will support outdoor backpacking, hiking, and camping activities in the Portland area.

Nature in Focus

Recipient: Rose CDC

Sponsorship amount: \$3,000

Program summary: This program will support BIPOC youth to participate in a photography project that will access six different natural areas combining nature education and art direction to produce an installation at Rose's Woody Guthrie Place.

Atabey Medicine BIPOC Apprenticeship Program

Recipient: Seed and Thistle Apothecary

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program provides opportunities for Queer, Trans, Immigrant BIPOC communities to decolonize wellness by remembering and practicing healing with plant medicine in relationship to the land, traditional food ways, our bodies and to each other. We do this through outdoor excursions in nature connecting to particular native plants and trees as well as cultivated ones and through classes all taught by QTIBIPOC. We also share in seasonal ceremonies with the land that draw upon each of our ancestral traditions and lineages.

Oregon Nature Discovery

Recipient: Togo Community Organization of Oregon (TOGO CORE)

Sponsorship amount: \$4,700

Program summary: These funds will be used to connect our community to nature through interactive activities, including tree planting, hiking, bird seeing, and outside meditation.

BIPOC R3 (Relax, Relate, Release) Camping Retreat

Recipient: Transformative Living Community International

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This event will offer a free four-day/three night camping retreat to facilitate opportunities for BIPOC folk to be together in community, appreciating the connection with nature and with one another, and will include art, guided nature hikes, outdoor cooking lessons, and archery.

Voz's Health and Wellness Initiative

Recipient: Voz Workers Rights and Education Project

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program advances mental health and self care of day laborers, domestic workers, and Voz staff through outdoor healing activities.

Youth Ecology Spring Elective

Recipient: Wild Diversity

Sponsorship amount: \$5,000

Program summary: This program will support middle school students in after school electives all about to the outdoors and ecology, offering new and exciting opportunities to after school programming to expand the vision students see of their futures.



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Stitching Lives Together

Recipient: Women-Sew Global Foundation

Sponsorship amount: \$4,000

Program summary: This program will provide classes on the art of botanical textile dyeing and natural plant silk dyeing to introduce and expand the skills of textiles, nature and mixed media, for 50+ women in our BIPOC sewing collectives.