

East Portland Action Plan

2011 - 12 Civic Engagement Grant Funded Projects

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<u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Project</u>
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)	\$8,000	Vietnamese Community Leadership Roundtable will: provide a project assistant to work with APANO and the Vietnamese Community of Oregon to organize training and community building activities to engage the Vietnamese community in a language specific way in East Portland by conducting a bilingual survey and interview with potential participants. A leadership development series will be designed and executed to foster an ongoing community-based roundtable to connect immigrant and refugee history to community specific issues.
Catholic Charities El Programa Hispano	\$6,000	Círculo de Padres - Parent's Circle will: provide personnel for Outreach and Program Coordination, materials, food and supplies, bus passes and door prizes, materials and childcare for Latino families with children attending Floyd Light and Ron Russell Middle Schools. Each school will receive three workshops with presentations addressing: 1. How the school system works, standards and obstacles to success; Communication and discipline - how to communicate with the school and participate in conferences and deal with discipline issues, and 3. Home-school collaboration to facilitate engagement and participation in the student's education (each family will design an action plan). At the end of the series, each school will have a core group of parents that will be actively involved in the school life and will help to engage more parents.
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)	\$9,000	Civic Engagement Workshop will: provide time for Diversity & Civic Leadership (DCL) staff to coordinate six Community Organizers (graduates of the IRCO DCL program) to organize, lead, and provide follow-up to six different immigrant communities in culturally and language-specific workshops with technical assistance from the Multnomah County Community Capacitation Center. Workshops will address a topic/subject area defined by the DCL graduates from their specific ethnic community and each Community Organizer will engage the group in learning how services with in the area selected are actually funded. Workshop participants will commit to next-steps in educating their community and community involvement.

Immigrants Vista	\$9,000.00	Crime Prevention Begins at Home will: support project coordination, recruitment, organizing, and training provision for Russian-Speaking/Slavic families in the East Portland area with the aim to 1) to raise the understanding, knowledge, and trust between this community and East Portland law enforcement and the judicial system; 2) train and motivate the community to engage in crime prevention and law enforcement awareness activities; and 3) expand the scope of involvement of the community to prevent crime and improve livability.
Latino Learning Community/ Comunidad Latina Para El Aprendizaje	\$3,000	Conexión Latina will: provide Project Coordinator and Outreach organizers, Volunteer Support, materials, food, childcare door prizes and mileage to workshops to three classes of culturally and language-specific workshops to address Domestic Violence, Resources of the Mexican Consulate, and Department of Human Services resources. Each of the participants will continue to engage other community members at a rate of at least one person. The goal is to build a chain of community members that pursue training opportunities to continue learning about the systems and to enhance their leadership and advocacy skills to proactively look for opportunities to participate in the life of the community.
Latino Network	\$8,000.00	East Portland Latino Leaders Workshop will: provide two Spanish-speaking Latino staff members to organize, recruit, and conduct workshops that utilize the Academia de Lideres Latinos model to encourage Latino leaders, regardless of community organizing experience to: identify community-based critical issues, learn practical hands on methods of engagement, and develop and deliver testimony to government/elected officials. Participants are then networked and supported to join public boards and commissions.

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)	\$11,000	Empowering Native Americans for Civic Engagement will: partner with Portland Youth and Elders Council to provide culturally-specific civic engagement workshops for Native Americans living in East Portland and fund NAYA Project Leaders to provide outreach to Native residents in East Portland to build capacity and engage emerging Native community members who are currently actively involved, to serve as role models and bridge builders to opportunities for community engagement. Native community members will help do outreach, lead sessions, and assist in organizing and communicating about the meetings. All participants will feel connected to their community, learn about the topics discussed, meet leaders, and engage in creating and working on solutions to address their concerns and interests in a meaningful and sustained way.
The Skanner Foundation	\$10,000	FOCUS EAST will: invite leaders to focus group events addressing ‘The Law and Crime Prevention’, ‘Jobs and Employment’, and ‘Health’, to build a thriving community experience for African Americans living in East Portland. A Project Director will be funded to oversee the project, arrange speakers, develop promotion, identify community leaders, secure venue, and establish focus group formats. A Video Tech Specialist will film, edit, reproduce, and disseminate videos of the Focus Group events. At the end of each initial event, volunteer leaders willing to move the topics forward will be identified. A second round of FOCUS EAST events will use the recordings of the initial presentations to present the informational part of the presentations. Participants will be given copies of the DVD’s to share the information with other community members.