

East Portland Action Plan 2011 - 12 Civic Engagement Grant Funded Projects

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<u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Project</u>
Latino Learning Community/ Comunidad Latina Para El Aprendizaje	\$9,000	Latinos For Latinos/Lainos Para Latinos - LxL will: support a Project Coordinator, Outreach, and Volunteer Support to provide three cycles of three classes each of culturally and language-specific workshops to address subject areas identified as priorities by Latinos Learning Community members.
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.
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.

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.
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.
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.

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.
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