2013 East Portland Action Plan Civic Engagement Grant Recommended Projects

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Fiscal Agent:	Award	<u>Project</u>
Agency		
African American Alliance for Homeownership	\$6,000	The African American Alliance for Homeownership Inc project will: identify resident leaders who can in turn help identify the barriers to homeownership, the root cause to foreclosure, the root cause to housing discrimination, and the development of a plan that will begin to provide solutions to those barriers in East Portland. The Housing – Your Right & Responsibility project will expand public involvement opportunities of East Portland African American residents.
Community Alliance of Tenants	\$10,000	The Community Alliance of Tenants project will: engage, educate, and empower renters in East Portland through workshop sessions that are language and culturally-specific for Latino, Burmese, Karen, and Nepali communities. Participants will develop leadership-development skills and become housing advocates.
East Portland Neighbors Inc.: Lao American Foundation		The East Portland Neighbors, Inc. How to Work Together with the Laotian Community in East Portland project will: build under-represented Laotian community involvement to support inclusive ongoing civic and community involvement and partnership in East Portland. A Plan of Action that incorporates varying duties, responsibilities, skills, and abilities will be developed and participants will engage through participation with the Lao American Foundation and the East Portland Neighborhood Office in various programs and activities to implement the Plan.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	\$6,000	The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon project will: bring the resources of the Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees program to work through the 'New Americans Initiative – East Portland' to provide citizenship classes to low-income Spanish speaking residents and to assist in their civic development toward being active members of the community.
Faith Baptist Church of Portland Oregon: Russian Speaking Network	\$8,480	The Faith Community Church project will: bring the Russian Speaking Network's 'Crime Prevention Begins at Home' workshops to Russian-Speaking/Slavic families. These interactive workshops will raise understanding, knowledge, and partnership with crime prevention activities, local law enforcement, and the American judicial system. The participants will prepare for next steps toward active civic engagement.
St. Johns All Nations Church of God In Christ: Man UP and Planting a S.E.E.D.	\$7,120	The St. Johns All Nations Church of God In Christ project will: team through 'Man Up', a team-oriented, service-focused Urban Ministry Movement with Chrysalis Ministries, a faith-based organization 'Planting A S.E.E.D. – Service, Education, Empowerment, & Dedication' to facilitate workshops with the East Portland African and African American communities to deter gang activity and domestic violence.
Urban League of Portland	\$10,000	The Urban League of Portland project will: promote community building, leadership identification, and civic engagement aimed at African American community members from East Portland. The African American Community Building and Civic Engagement Project will build capacity for participants to advocate for policy change, social justice, their families, and a voice in the institutional structures and decisions that impact their lives.