

2014 East Portland Action Plan Civic Engagement Grant Projects

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<u>Fiscal Agent:</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Project</u>
Buddhatham-Aram Inc. - Lao Community Project	\$5,000	The 'Lao Cultural Preservation and Enhancement' project will: Build relationship within the Lao multi-ethnic Lao, Hmong, Mien, Taidam, and Tailu communities by training Lao children in traditional dance and language and cultural workshops to carry on their traditions and cultures and build the foundation to support ongoing involvement within East Portland.
Community Alliance of Tenants	\$8,563	Building Diverse Tenant Leadership Project' will: Convene separate Native American, African American, Spanish-language, and Asian immigrant/refugee East Portland focus groups and direct action trainings to educate and empower tenants to express and address their specific housing needs and challenges. Direct action projects to overcome discrimination and housing vulnerability will be identified and acted upon.
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon - SOAR	\$9,000	The SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program 'New Americans Initiative - East Portland' project will: Host citizenship classes in East Portland to low-income Spanish-speaking immigrants who are seeking civic engagement as a means of involvement in their community. Classes will be bilingual in Spanish/English.

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Faith Baptist Church of Portland Oregon - Russian Speaking Network	\$5,000	The Russian Speaking Network 'Crime Prevention Begins at Home' project will: Raise the understanding and knowledge of rights and responsibilities of the Russian-Speaking/Slavic community with law enforcement, crime prevention, and the American judicial system. Graduates will be prepared for next steps in civic engagement.
Impact NW	\$5,000	The 'Urban Opportunities' project will: Promote community engagement and job readiness among underserved Latino students at Parkrose High School.
Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)	\$5,000	The 'Native American Storytelling for Institutional Policy & Programmatic Impact' project will: Initiate East Portland multigenerational storytelling sessions to identify culturally specific best practices that inform City policy and decision-making. The sessions will highlight community strengths and encourage strength-based storytelling that will be video documented and distributed.
The Rosewood Initiative - OneLife Portland	\$4,563	The OneLife Portland 'Raising The Level' project will: Provide classes that cover the importance of well-being, community, unity, and support amongst Black families in the East Portland community. Black youth will increase their confidence to speak on their own behalf and build allies in East Portland to address issues from the articulated Black youth perspective.