

**2015 East Portland Action Plan Civic Engagement Grant Projects  
 Recommendations from the  
 Grant Review Committee December 9, 2014**

<u>Fiscal Agent:</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Project</u>
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon - Jade District	\$5,000	'East Portland API Youth Leadership Council' will: meet weekly with East Portland youth to identify Asian Pacific Islander youth needs, paint a youth-led mural in the East Portland segment of the Jade District, and develop the Jade District's advocacy strategy for developing more input in East Portland school policies. The project will be completely youth led, with staff adult advisors to provide political education and leadership skills trainings/workshops (meeting facilitation, public speaking, patriarchy, heterosexism white supremacy, environmental justice, etc.) for identified core youth leaders.
Community Alliance of Tenants	\$10,440	'Tenant Displacement Storytelling Project' will: engage, educate, and empower renters in East Portland with a focus on African American, Native American, Spanish-speaking, Burmese, Karen, and Nepalese immigrant/refugee communities. The project will 1) convene 5 tenant-displacement storytelling trainings (12 - 20 tenants per session) to educate and share stories among the five different ethnic, language, and cultural groups; 2) recruit one or more tenants from each group to participate in the planning of an East Portland Renters Assembly (5 - 10 tenants will attend 2 - 3 planning meetings); and 3) organize and convene a Renters Assembly (including 5 - 8 additional host organizations and 5 - 12 workshops and trainings with at least 180 renters).

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon - SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program	\$6,750	'New Americans Initiative - East Portland' project will: host three citizenship class series in East Portland to 15 low-income Spanish-speaking immigrants who want to become citizens and further integrate into their community. Each series will run once per week for two hours in a ten week session, for a total of 60 instructional hours. Classes will be bilingual in Spanish/English. Additional services provided include free legal services and a Voter Education class once participants naturalize.
Faith Baptist Church of Portland Oregon - Russian Speaking Network	\$8,000	'Crime Prevention Begins at Home' project will: hold 4 intensive training workshops for 20 adult East Portland Russian-Speaking/Slavic community members to: 1) raise the understanding and knowledge of rights and responsibilities with law enforcement and the American judicial system; 2) train and motivate these community members to engage in crime prevention and law enforcement awareness activities; 3) expand the scope of involvement to improve livability in their neighborhoods; and 4) prepare the graduates for next steps in civic engagement.
ROSE Community Development Corp.	\$5,800	'ROSE Academia de Futbol - Academia de Comunidad' project will: 1) organize healthy recreation opportunities and soccer training for 45 Latino youth (ages 6 - 13), including enrollment in league play, provision of practice equipment, jerseys, trophies, field rental and end-of-summer pizza party; and 2) host 20 East Portland community parents of the youth at 8 - 10 weekly 1.5 hour long community "charlas" (conversations) lead by different community partners (topics will include parenting, health and well-being, immigration challenges, advocacy, planning for the future, understanding your rights, and community leadership opportunities).