



East Portland Action Plan

2016 Civic Engagement Grant Recommendations

The EPAP Civic Engagement Subcommittee designed this grant program to implement Civic Engagement in racial and ethnic underrepresented culturally specific communities with language appropriate communication that leads to further community involvement.

These are NOT to be multicultural projects, but projects that target racial and ethnic specific language and cultural communities to involve them in entry level civic engagement opportunities that enhance public involvement participation in underserved communities.

The 2016 EPAP Civic Engagement Grant application process received 16 applicant projects for a total ask of \$109,753. The Grant Review Committee is recommending funding of the following 8 projects for a total cost of \$48,503.

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| David Douglas School District | Parent Engagement Workshop Series: Six parent engagement workshops for a total 130 parents for each of the following language and cultural specific communities: Burmese, Chinese, Nepali/Bhutanese, Somali, and Vietnamese. Workshops will be co-lead with parents who will select topics related to District policies, family activities, school curriculum, and resources. | \$4,487 |

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| East Portland Neighbors (EPN): OneLife Portland, LLC | Raising The Level: Eight weekly workshops for 15 – 20 Black youth ages 14 – 21 to build pride in Black culture, heritage, and identity while consciously building Black community identity and involvement in East Portland. Youth will be introduced to resources, organizations, and civic engagement opportunities in East Portland and encouraged to take an active role in their community. | \$6,563 |
| East Portland Neighbors (EPN): Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization | Bhutanese Community English as a Second Language (ESL) + Citizenship Guidance: Thirty-five workshops for more than 15 people will start with ESL education and evolve into Citizenship test preparation, while addressing social justice consciousness issues that will lead to community involvement. Simultaneously, while in childcare during the workshops, more than 7 children will learn to speak and write Nepali. | \$13,538 |
| Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) - SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program | New Americans Initiative - East Portland: Ten weekly Citizenship classes for 8 Russian-speaking immigrants. Classes will address civic engagement, free legal services will be made available, and a free Voter Education class will be offered when participants pass their Citizenship Examination. Graduates will be encouraged to be involved in the future as recruiters, presenters, and teachers. | \$5,000 |

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| Faith Baptist Church: Russian Speaking Network | Crime Prevention Begins at Home: Three half-day workshops will be held for 20 adult Russian-language East Portland community members to address: Crime Identification and Reporting, Understanding Measure 11, Communicating with Police, Children and Families, Child Abuse Laws and Regulations and Innocent Images (FBI), Connecting with Children, Domestic Violence and Resource, and Civic Engagement. | \$5,000 |
| Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors | Plan and Design Native American Elder/Council Ring at Hazelwood Hydropark: Native American East Portland community members will design an Elder/Council Ring sacred space for Hazelwood Hydropark and be encouraged to take leadership with the Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark organization. | \$1,500 |
| Rosewood Initiative: Noreste Enterprises, LLC | Latina Empowerment Project: Eight Latinas will attend twelve monthly resource and training workshops meant to empower women escaping domestic violence to take the next steps toward education, employment, and economic self-sufficiency. The workshops will meet with women in crisis and will integrate their cultural values: strong and educated women create strong cultures and communities. Volunteers will learn social media skills used to promote the sessions and relevant community events. | \$5,880 |

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| Slavic Community Center of NW | Slavic Community Election and Involvement Workshops: 50 – 100 Russian-Ukrainian speaking Americans living in East Portland will attend six workshops/events that address topics such as: What is democracy; Rights and duties of a citizen; Open nights where they can meet with elected officials x 3; and an Election party (600 – 900 people expected). | \$6,535 |

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