



# East Portland Action Plan

## 2016 General Grant Awards

The 2016 EPAP General Grant application process received 25 project applications, for a total request of \$105,509. The Grant Review Committee had \$47,000 available to award and selected the following 12 projects for funding.

Organization	Project	Award
Center For Intercultural Organizing – Oregon Karen Community	<b>Karen Youth Influence &amp; Leadership will:</b> repair the solid of rock, Karen youth, that is broken into pieces. The goal of this project is to help bring these pieces back together by celebrating the Karen culture – their history, where they have come from, and who they can be in East Portland. Dance and soccer have always been the bedrock of involvement for the Karen community and these activities were their salvation in the refugee camps. Two soccer teams (male and female) and a soccer club will be developed. Performances will be developed and performed for three traditional celebrations: Karen Wrist Tying ceremony, Karen New Year Event, and Karen Martyr’s Day.	\$4,000
Chess For Success	<b>Providing After-School Chess Programming will:</b> bring chess to 300 at-risk children at 15 East Portland schools to help students succeed in and out of the classroom. The project will include economically disadvantaged and minority children and will help students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills with an assessed measure gain in 11 executive function and self-regulation skills. Each student will receive tournament opportunities, a club T-shirt, and chess set to keep.	\$2,500

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Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)	<b>Anti-Displacement Organizing Project will:</b> address the impact of substandard housing and displacement in East Portland by organizing low-income communities of color in culturally-specific and language-appropriate ways. Organizers will work with tenants to win improved conditions and to prevent involuntary displacement. CAT will educate and empower tenants to use the EPAP Involuntary Displacement Prevention Recommendations to advocate for safe and secure housing.	\$5,000
Division Midway Alliance	<b>Division Midway Alliance For Community Improvement ‘2016 Festival of Nations Taste of Nations’ project will:</b> increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and engaged in their communities by facilitating the participation of non-native English speakers in the planning and execution of this East Portland Festival integratively, without dilution of their customs and cultures. Involvement will strengthen community capacity through leadership development, skills building, fostering teamwork and/or partnerships, and community building that ensures diverse cultures are represented respectfully, accurately, and inclusively.	\$2,500
East Portland Neighbors-Association of Russian Speaking Compatriots	<b>Slavic Culture Festival project will:</b> bring many East Portland Slavic community members together in planning and preparing for this “juicy” multi-dimensional Festival that will include all ages in performances of song, music, dance, and athletics. Information and resources will be shared on stage and in the vendor area.	\$5,000
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon - SOAR	<b>New Americans Initiative – East Portland project will:</b> provide culturally competent bilingual Spanish and Russian citizenship classes for low-income immigrants who would like to become citizens and further integrate into their East Portland communities. Education and Legal services will be provided and class graduates are encouraged to recruit and teach the following set of classes.	\$5,000

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Human Solutions	<p><b>The Human Solutions INC ‘Feeding Minds, Feeding Futures Phase II’ project will:</b> foster parental involvement in their children’s school education by providing transit support to school events, education materials and Centennial School District teacher support for onsite Arbor Glen activities at math and science nights, and nutritious food for parents in conjunction with the free summer lunch program that also provides an opportunity for positive interaction.</p>	\$4,000
Morpheus Youth Project	<p><b>Morpheus Youth Audio Production Project will:</b> offer East Portland low-income youth the opportunity to learn sound engineering, radio broadcasting and MC skills with industry standard equipment and instruction from skilled producers and rappers. Youth will be positively engaged in cultural enrichment that develops their interest and communication skills that they will share with their families and other community members through youth performances and podcast/radio broadcast.</p>	\$2,500
People-Places-Things, LLC - Community Care Festivals	<p><b>Spring Festival 2017 at IRCO project will:</b> provide a fun, engaging, and informative event for individuals and families that live in nine neighborhoods near the Glisan IRCO location. Our goal is to: 1) support and strengthen our diverse families, schools and neighborhoods by bringing resources and social services; 2) to build relationships; and 3) to promote an active community.</p>	\$5,000
Portland Fruit Tree Project	<p><b>Partners Working Together to Build Community and Food Security in East Portland project will:</b> expand the Parkrose Community Orchard and programming to engage more East Portlanders in caring for and developing this new community resource. Community members will be recruited and trained in English and Spanish to register and care for fruit trees and to harvest and distribute fresh fruit to low-income, food-insecure, or other marginalized families in East Portland.</p>	\$5,000

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Portland Meet Portland	<p><b>Portland Meet Portland ‘Refugee Youth Leadership Development and Lived Citizenship: Engaging and Sustaining Pathways to Belonging’ project will:</b> Burmese, Congolese, Somali, and Bhutanese/Nepali youth leaders, ages 16 – 24, will build their capacity to leverage their outreach and interpreting skills to engage adults and elders in their communities through civic education and engagement. Public presentations will be developed to advocate for inclusive solutions that offer culturally appropriate pathways for great community engagement.</p>	\$5,000
ROSE CDC	<p><b>Personal Development Program will:</b> improve economic growth of families who have been involuntarily displaced due to rising housing costs and are now living in East Portland affordable by design housing. By acknowledging strengths, fostering confidence, identifying and developing skills, and supporting readiness to work, together, residents will be empowered and build community pride with a sense of belonging as new East Portlanders.</p>	\$2,000

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