



East Portland Action Plan (EPAP)

2017 Civic Engagement Grant Awards

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 2017 EPAP Civic Engagement Grant application process received 12 applicant projects for a total ask of \$104,264. The Grant Review Committee recommended funding the following 8 projects for a total cost of \$73,996. On December 7, 2016 at the EPAP general meeting, the recommendation was endorsed by full consensus.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Leverage</u>	<u>Funded</u>
African Youth & Community Organization (AYCO)	East African Literacy and Education Project will: build an organized group of Somali parents to engage with the school system and improve equitable outcomes for immigrant and refugee children. We will hold informational sessions about the school system - how it works, rights and expectations, and opportunities to find help. Documents will be developed to guide schools in what parents and students need to know and to provide monthly survey feedback mechanisms that support student and parent advocacy.	\$5,766	\$9,450

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Community Energy Project, Inc.	Weatherization + Lead Prevention Workshops for Russian Speaking Communities will: empower community members to assess the condition of their homes, create action plans, and implement the materials provided at the workshops to make their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. Participants will be encouraged to take part in leadership volunteer opportunities, including becoming a Workshop Leader/Trainer.	\$15,569	\$7,623
East Portland Neighbors: Association of Russian Speaking Compatriots, US	We are a Slavic people; it is our culture; we like to be together. We are residents of East Portland: We build community as we actively organize for 11- months to share the annual Slavic festival that includes culture and sports and has interactive activities for different ages, ethnicities, and aspects of our community.	\$70,590	\$13,828
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon: SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program	New Americans Initiative - East Portland will: offer culturally and linguistically appropriate Russian-language Citizen Classes that will prepare individuals to successfully pass the U.S. Citizenship Test and become more actively engaged in their East Portland community. Classes include free legal services for those eligible and a free Voter Education class for those who become naturalized.	\$12,050	\$6,000
Elders in Action	Need Assessment of Underserved Older Adults will: hold interactive focus discussions that reach, educate, and empower older adults from East Portland's Bhutanese and Latino/Hispanic communities to: identify service gaps, develop culturally and language specific curriculum, and provide service and advocacy when needed.	\$2,500	\$5,720

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Growing Gardens	<p>Families Saludables (Healthy Families), using school-based garden programs, creates a pathway for increasing Latino family engagement with the school community: parents learn alongside their children; share their knowledge; and break bread with teachers, administrators, and other parents in a comfortable setting that builds leadership. Students are engaged in hands-on STEM learning and families learn, in the language and culturally specific classes, workshops, and events, to grow healthy food, which reduces hunger.</p>	\$40,400	\$14,000
Northwest Family Services	<p>Peer Court and Family Empowerment Project is: an education and restorative justice program that engages Latino high school students in jury trainings led by licensed attorneys and staff. Students learn criminal justice and law professions and develop public speaking skills, while establishing peer accountability without involvement in the juvenile justice system. Latino Family Empowerment workshops build communication skills and help develop understanding and empathy for one another's experiences through learning how the teen brain works and how to support youth in this time of growth and change, while addressing the negative effects of drugs, alcohol, and truancy.</p>	\$19,485	\$12,535

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The Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival	Jim PepperFest 2017: 5th Annual Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival: features American Indian/First Nations' performance artists, speakers, and vendors. We address a wide-range of issues important to American indigenous populations, often in their own first languages. The focus is on strengthening families and improving health and well-being. Youth will be actively recruited for the board, working group, and Scholarship committee to evaluate future applicants.	\$26,620	\$4,840

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