



East Portland Action Plan

2017 General Grant Awards

The 2017 East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) General Grant application process received 22 project applications, for a total request of \$233,974. The Grant Review Committee had \$79,130 available to award and selected the following 11 projects for funding. The projects were approved by full consensus at the March 22, 2017 EPAP general meeting and by City Council in June, 2017.

Organization	Project	Award	Leverage
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)	<p>Youth Empowerment: Excavating East Portland's History Through Art will: Work with youth drawn from APANO ALLY students predominantly from underserved Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant communities. These David Douglas High School students will engage in historical and personal narrative research which will be curated in a silk-screened advocacy magazine that the youth will print and distribute throughout the neighborhood, building a sense of community through historic resource identification and preservation efforts.</p>	\$9,950	\$8,330
Chess for Success	<p>Athletics for the Mind: Increasing Student and Parental Involvement at Chess Clubs and Tournaments, and Adding More Language Translations will: teach chess so students improve cognitive, academic skills, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematic) capabilities/skills that are critical to student performance. Each East Portland student will receive tournament opportunities that build a sense of identity and belonging, along with a chess set to keep.</p>	\$5,000	\$132,100

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David Douglas School District	<p>Mill Park Elementary Playground Project will: Provide developmentally appropriate playground access for pre-K through kindergarten students during school, as well as the community after school hours on weekends. This projects helps fill the gap of adequate developed park space in East Portland. Parents and community members will be invited to join and lead design, development, and after build activities. The goal is to is to connect engagement to student learning. We will work to actively engage people from different cultures and those who speak multiple languages.</p>	\$10,000	\$62,338
David Douglas School District	<p>Stronger Together will: Be created by the Lincoln Park school community of students, parents, community members, teachers, and staff. All volunteers will make their own fused-glass necklace. The community will decide upon how the theme “Stronger Together” will be expressed through a fused glass visual art-making design that will be installed and serve as a touchstone for those involved in creating this thing of beauty for those who come after.</p>	\$8,000	\$5,780
Division Midway Alliance	<p>Civic Fluency with the Myanmar/Burma Community will: Support the Myanmar/Burma community’s English language skills and increase knowledge of US History and Civics, so as to support acquisition of U.S. citizenship. Youth leaders of this pilot mentoring program will become the case managers, job coaches, workers and social profit entrepreneurs in their community. This project reaches out explicitly to ALL ethnic groups from Burma/ Myanmar providing them the opportunity to learn, interact and build bridges across cultural barriers together.</p>	\$10,500	\$21,700

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Impact NW	<p>Pathways to Manufacturing will: Take Fir Ridge High School students out of the classroom to manufacturing sites to view operations in-person; to speak with manufacturing employees; and to hear from employers what workforce needs are now. Students will engage in a hands-on manufacturing project building skateboards. This project builds community by growing the network of actors invested in helping youth develop their abilities to play an active role in the establishment of a regional economy with a living-wage workforce.</p>	\$4,250	\$31,472
Metropolitan Family Service	<p>Metropolitan Family Service - Youth Internship Program (YIP) will: Connect underserved East Portland high school students in an 8-week internship at an East Portland-based agency to gain workforce-ready job skills that lead to living-wage jobs. Students will receive financial coaching, economic empowerment, career exploration, skill building activities to foster interview and resume writing, and consistent connection to local professional mentors through job shadowing, informational interviews, and one-on-one check-ins.</p>	\$7,830	\$22,324
Morpheus Youth Project	<p>Morpheus Youth Project Breakdance Program will: Work with East Portland youth to be involved in planning, coordinating, and promoting workshops and events. The breakdance community is rich in culture and community oriented at its core. This program will help to support that structure and to create healthy activities and much needed positive outlets for youth who have been marginalized and even criminalized because of their ethnic backgrounds, family income, immigrant status and cultural identities.</p>	\$5,600	\$18,030

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REAP, Inc.	<p>East Portland Solutions Program is a: Centennial School District-based year-round after school leadership development program for low-income and culturally diverse youth. The program is designed to break cycles of educational inequity and create avenues to college and career by promoting positive school and community engagement, reinforcing health, fostering civic involvement, and encouraging entrepreneurial thinking. Throughout the curricula, students examine how various power structures influence each sector of society.</p>	\$5,000	\$152,889
Somali American Council of Oregon (SACOO)	<p>Improving Relationship and Community Voice will: Bring predominantly low-income Somali refugee/immigrants living in East Portland into an improved community relationship with police by: developing the community's knowledge of rights and responsibilities regarding law enforcement; increasing Somali community capacity to engage in decision making and to collectively make concrete changes in our East Portland neighborhoods and City; and developing a strategy and work plan to inform improved police service, using social media, meeting process and skill development, and negotiation skills.</p>	\$6,000	\$32,530
The Rosewood Initiative	<p>Rosewood Bikes will: Hold bike safety classes for low-income East Portland community members that will be led by project-trained IRCO-funded instructor interns. Refurbished bikes will be made available. Monthly bike rides will explore East Portland and be routed to parks and other family-friendly destinations, with a bicycle mechanic in attendance. Free monthly bike repair clinics will be offered on Sundays, with available mechanics, tools, and equipment.</p>	\$7,000	\$61,000

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