



# East Portland Action Plan

## 2018 Grant Awards

The 2018 EPAP Grant application process received 39 project applications, for a total request of \$446,645. The Grant Review Committee had \$149,515.66 available to award and selected the following 24 projects for funding.

Organization	Project	Funded	Leveraged
<b>African Youth Community Organization</b>	<b>East African Literary &amp; Community Building will:</b> expand culturally specific ESL classes to provide vulnerable populations in the Somali community with enhanced language skills to utilize in connecting with the Portland community and accessing needed services.	\$9,665	
<b>Association of Russian Speaking Compatriots</b> (Fiscal sponsor: East Portland Neighbors, Inc.)	<b>The Slavic Festival “We have 10 years old! We grew up!” will:</b> build strong connections to the Slavic community by producing the annual Slavic festival. Culture, sports, and interactive activities will be inclusive of different ages and ethnicities in the community. Information and resources will be shared on stage and in the vendor area. The event is free for everyone. Everyone is welcome!	\$14,393.58	

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<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>	<b>Wattles Club Youth &amp; Family Services will:</b> enroll youth and teen members of the Wattles Club and their families into the Youth & Family Services program, which includes drop-in programming, liaison check ins, and monthly Family Night events. Boys & Girls Club will provide targeted prevention services to youth referred by schools, social service agencies, juvenile justice agencies, and other organizations.	\$7,973.50	
<b>College Possible</b>	<b>College Possible Summer Transition Programming will:</b> bolster college enrollment for vulnerable high school graduates through the provision of summer transition workshops. These workshops include skill building, financial literacy, campus tours, and mentorship in order to help students enroll into college on time.	\$5,000	
<b>Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon: SOAR Immigration Legal Services Program</b>	<b>New Americans Initiative - East Portland will:</b> 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.	\$3,000	

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<b>Friends of Gates Park</b> (Fiscal sponsor: East Portland Neighbors, Inc.)	<b>FOGP-Annual Community Picnic / Gates Park Community Neighborhood Outreach will:</b> sponsor the annual “Picnic at Gates Park” in the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood. This event will bring participants together, educate them on the infrastructure and maintenance needs at Gates Park, and recruit them to join the Friends of Gates Park in order to sustain long term advocacy.	\$2,569.65	
<b>Green Lents</b>	<b>From Classroom to Community will:</b> extend the benefits of environmental assets to communities vulnerable to displacement by leading hands-on English language classes at Kelly Elementary and Midland Library, coupled with eight learning excursions that will increase awareness and accessibility of underutilized neighborhood assets within the Lents Green Ring and throughout East Portland.	\$8,500	
<b>Grow Portland</b>	<b>Garden Education for Diverse Communities in East Portland will:</b> provide cultural and language specific garden education programming to diverse communities in East Portland. They will host gardening classes and a seed swap at the Midland Library where gardeners will learn about and share culturally significant vegetable crop seeds.	\$6333.33	

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<b>Growing Gardens</b>	<b>Iglesia San Pedro Huertos Comunitarios will:</b> work with the Latino community in Lents to build a food producing community garden. The project will build additional garden beds, plant native pollinators in the garden, install an irrigation system, teach gardening classes in Spanish, and provide one-on-one mentorship in the garden. This garden will serve as a place for communities to learn together, grow food together, and share the harvest.	\$2,000	
<b>Human Solutions</b>	<b>Building Bridges will:</b> develop and strengthen connections between Oliver and Parklane Elementary Schools and the 96 low-income families at Arbor Glen Apartments. They will provide trust building activities, summer meals for adults to coincide with the children's summer lunch program, and family-friendly game events at Arbor Glen.	\$3,030	
<b>I Have a Dream Oregon</b>	<b>Dream School Project will:</b> address the student achievement gap by providing summer learning programming for students at Alder Elementary. Activities will include the Bookmobile, Start Making a Reader Today, Early Kindergarten Connect, SUN School multidisciplinary activities, and a Math Boot Camp.	\$5,000	
<b>Iraqi Society of Oregon</b>	<b>Learning Through Art will:</b> empower the Iraqi refugee community through sponsoring Arts & Creativity as tools for healing and adjustment, creating a shared identity as Iraqis and immigrants. The summer program activities will include calligraphy, painting, photography, and design.	\$4,750	

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<b>Jim Pepper Native Arts Council</b>	<p><b>Jim PepperFest 2018 – <i>Making the Invisible Visible</i> will:</b> raise awareness of Portland’s Native American community and its endangered languages with two new programs: <b><i>Speak/Sing Native</i></b> and <b><i>Indigenous Language Village</i></b>. Audiences will be able to converse with American Indians speaking their own languages through interpreters. The free event will feature American Indian performance artists and vendors, and address a wide range of issues important to American indigenous populations.</p>	\$6535	
<b>Know Your City</b>	<p><b>Youth Print PDX David Douglas will:</b> work with seniors at David Douglas High School to produce a pocket-sized publication known as zines to be distributed throughout the local region. The zines will provide self-guided tour about East Portland’s food, nature, history, and other class-chosen topics.</p>	\$12,833.33	
<b>Metropolitan Family Services</b>	<p><b>Metropolitan Family Service Youth Internship Program will:</b> 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>	\$5,848.43	

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<b>Morpheus Youth Project</b>	<b>Hip Hop in the East, Breaking and Graffiti Art Program will:</b> provide cultural/artistic enrichment to East Portland youth by working with East Portland youth to be involved in planning, coordinating, and promoting workshops and events. They will organize a multi-week youth graffiti workshop followed by a 3-5 hour breakdance competition.	\$5,333.33	
<b>OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon</b>	<b>Community-Led Improvements to East Portland's Transit Infrastructure will:</b> will survey and convene workshops and speaking forums for East Portland transit riders and residents as an onramp to individuals' engagement with Bus Riders Unite. Youth organizers will engage in community mapping activities to identify bike, transit, and pedestrian infrastructure needs in East Portland. Organizers will use these activities to engage with decision makers at TriMet and the City of Portland to prioritize needed investments in East Portland.	\$10,000	
<b>Middle School</b> (Fiscal sponsor: Resolutions Northwest)	<b>Parkrose Middle School Peacemakers Take a Stand will:</b> work with Parkrose Middle School students, training them in conflict resolution, restorative justice, and awareness about racial bullying. They will create a photography campaign of Parkrose Middle School students displaying quotes to counter racial stereotyping and harassment, organize classroom activities, lunch presentations, and a full day of activities around bullying prevention.	\$650	

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<b>Portland Meet Portland</b>	<b>Civic Fluency 3.0 will:</b> increase integration and community participation through a series of customized citizenship classes for the communities from Myanmar living in East Portland. Classes focus on US Civics and English sufficient to pass the naturalization interview, and basic English vocabulary and phonics to improve overall literacy and reading ability.	\$8,873.59	
<b>Reading Results</b>	<b>Reading to Succeed will:</b> serve students attending four schools in East Portland, providing an intensive reading instructional program for first, second, and third graders who are falling behind in reading. After one year in the program, students show an average gain of 1.6 years in reading skills with no disparities in accelerated growth experienced by students from historically underserved populations.	\$5,000	
<b>REAP Inc.</b>	<b>East Portland Renaissance Program will:</b> facilitate a year-round after school leadership development program for young Black men at Ron Russell Middle School. Activities include: weekly after school and lunch meetings, school based support and intervention, bi-monthly visits with community leaders, a four-day industry-based entrepreneurial event, and a four day Academy of Leadership Innovations.	\$5,000	

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<b>Tongan American Resource Committee</b> (Fiscal sponsor: East Portland Neighbors, Inc.)	<b>Tonga Day will:</b> host the Tonga Day celebration to share the Pacific Island Nation of Tonga’s cultural, arts, history, food, dances, and fun with East Portland. The cultural festival will be at the new Gateway Discovery Park on Northeast 104 <sup>th</sup> and Halsey. The event will expose Tongan community members to local government leaders and build positive working relationships.	\$7,726.92	
<b>World Stage Theatre</b> (Fiscal sponsor: Portland Playhouse)	<b>“I Am Human” Project will:</b> facilitate a cultural program that finds the common threads that hold our shared humanity together. Local photographers, writers, and youth will be invited to explore different places in East Portland and engage the humans who live here. Under the direction of professional artists and educators, youth will curate the photo stories to display. Each story will be performed live and digitally by local artists through dance, acting, singing, poetry, painting, and music.	\$6,000	
<b>Zomi Association of USA.</b> (Fiscal sponsor: East Portland Neighbors, Inc.)	<b>Zomi Cultural Classes and Events will:</b> provide programs to uplift Zomi cultural values and assets to leaders, members and children of our communities from Myanmar. They will serve students through a 28-day educational program that teaches language, literature, traditional songs, dances, etc. They will celebrate with a culturally specific Community Day.	\$3,500	

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