

**2012 - 2013 East Portland Action Plan  
Civic Engagement Grant Awarded Projects**

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<u>Fiscal Agent:</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Project</u>
Buddhatham-Aram, Inc.	\$2,000	The 'Laotian Cultural Enhancement Workshop' will recruit and organize a day-long workshop addressing Laotian Cultural Enhancement for all Laotian Americans: Lao, Hmong, Mien, Taidau, and Tailu. The workshop will include cultural entertainment, networking and information sharing on Laotian cultures in East Portland, and Next Step Plan of Action for Laotian cultural enhancement. The Laotian community will increase its unity and be able to enhance their cultures and the newly established Laotian Cultural Center will be the focal point for East Portland, the City of Portland, and other mainstream service providers to communicate effectively with developed Laotian leaders of all ethnic groups regarding cultural and relevant services.
Faith Baptist Church of Portland Oregon	\$12,000	The Russian Speaking Network 'Crime Prevention Begins at Home' project will support coordination, recruitment, organizing, and training provision for Russian-Speaking/Slavic families in the East Portland area with the aim to: 1) raise the understanding, knowledge, and trust between this community and East Portland law enforcement and the American judicial system; 2) train and motivate the community to engage in crime prevention and law enforcement awareness activities; 3) expand the scope of involvement of the community to prevent crime and improve livability; and 4) prepare graduates for the next step of civic engagement and demonstrate the way of involvement in the East Portland Action Plan.

<p>Native American Youth &amp; Family Center (NAYA)</p>	<p>\$12,100</p>	<p>The 'Engaging Native American Young Adults in Community Building' will engage Native young adults in building leadership in the East Portland Community. This project will focus on outreach, capacity building, and civic engagement of Native American young adults ages 15 – 24. In partnership with Portland Youth &amp; Elders Council, interactive workshops will focus on issues that are identified to build their leadership skills and support an action plan to engage other Native community members in a meaningful way through a group community building project. Although the focus will be on young adults, a multi-generational approach to the capacity building of the community and their family members will be encouraged to support involvement.</p>
<p>East Portland Neighbors Inc.</p>	<p>\$12,000</p>	<p>The 'Conexión Latina III' project with the Latino Learning Community/Comunidad Latina Aprendiendo, will recruit and create opportunities for the East Portland Latino community to learn about the U.S. system at different levels and also to expand their work to generate opportunities for Latinos to enhance their leadership skills. The goal is to give children and families the support needed to achieve a stable family, based upon the workshops and their needs to create a healthy home and safe community through learning, advocacy, and leadership in decision making groups in the community.</p>

Vietnamese Community of Oregon	\$9,295	<p>Vietnamese Community of Oregon's \$9,295.00 project, 'Community Engagement Project', will organize workshops addressing health disparity and civic engagement in the Vietnamese Community in East Portland. The goals of the health workshops are to 1) provide health information, 2) discuss factors affecting Vietnamese American's health and factors affecting our access to health services, and 3) discuss a plan to increase health awareness in the broader Vietnamese community. Community Involvement and Engagement workshops will create a community vision and strategic plan that identifies community needs, strengths/assets, values, and hopes. Workshops will include presentations on local and state governments.</p>
City Bible Church	\$7,410	<p>The 'Civic Engagement Community Building for Zomi' project will recruit for, organize, and teach a series of small group 2-hour workshops that address: Rental and Home Ownership Rights and Responsibilities, Children and Families and The Law and Crime Prevention, Immigration and Citizenship, and Leadership Development or Leadership Placement Opportunities for members of the Zomi/ Zo/ Chin indigenous peoples of Burma. Topics were chosen so that community members will be more effective in civic engagement.</p>