



## May 2017 Awards 7 grants; \$93,360

### Building Community portfolio

Grants awarded: 3  
Total awarded: \$47,650

Our Building Community portfolio is focused on improving conditions for communities of color, Oregonians living on low incomes and other marginalized populations. The singular goal: to help all Oregonians contribute to building vibrant communities, influence the decisions that affect them and reach their full potential. We aim to invest in strategies that dismantle inequities and create new opportunities to advance equity, to support efforts to encourage and strengthen civic engagement and public participation in democratic processes, and to support arts and cultural initiatives that create inclusive communities.

#### **Oregon Public Health Institute**

Portland

Multnomah County

Award amount: \$25,000

To create a three-year business plan and communications and marketing strategy for this health equity capacity builder that works with organizations and government agencies focused on influencing the social determinants of health and health outcomes

#### **We Can Do Better**

Portland

Multnomah County

Award amount: \$20,900

To support a community-engaged strategic planning process to address shifting policy roles among statewide health promotion organizations seeking to advance health equity

#### **Western States Center**

Portland

Multnomah County

Award amount: \$1,750

To convene funders and social justice organizations to take stock of the changed political environment at the Strengthening Action for Justice forum

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### Meyer-Directed Grants

Grants awarded: 4  
Total awarded: \$46,000

Beyond our portfolio specific awards, Meyer occasionally makes grants to respond to timely needs and opportunities during these changing times.

**Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington**

Portland

Multnomah County

Award amount: \$7,500

To build the capacity of nonprofits and funders to engage in policy advocacy through a training partnership of Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington, Alliance for Justice and the Nonprofit Association of Oregon

**Guidestar USA**

Williamsburg, Va.

Award amount: \$500

For annual support

**National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy**

Washington, D.C.

Award amount: \$12,000

For annual support of this organization that pushes philanthropy to do more for those who are marginalized, underserved and disenfranchised

**Rural Organizing Project**

Scappoose

Columbia County

Award amount: \$26,000

To support the efforts of rural communities to defend and protect immigrants and refugees impacted by deportation activities (awarded as a part of the Oregon Immigrant and Refugee Funders Collaborative, which addresses critical and time-sensitive issues facing immigrants and refugees)