Building Community portfolio

Grants awarded: 37
Total awarded: $2,992,845

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.

Innovation Law Lab
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $40,000
To establish the Center of Excellence in Oregon to defend immigrant rights

Main Street Alliance of Oregon
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $23,000
To engage and support small business owners of color around public policy

Refugee Disability Benefits Oregon
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $16,050
For strategic planning and executive coaching

Bend 2030
Bend
Deschutes County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $110,000
To support twelve organizations in strengthening civic engagement and participation around housing advocacy

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council
Bend
Deschutes County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $150,000
To increase diverse rural citizen involvement in governance by enhancing access to power and economic opportunities for target populations, improving trust between citizens and government, and establishing an ongoing regional network for citizen engagement

**Coalition of Community Health Clinics**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $146,038
For technical assistance to help 14 member clinics to design and implement equity-focused community health improvement strategies

**Gateway to College National Network**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $150,000
To build internal and external capacity to implement a best practice model for re-engaging rural youth at risk of not completing high school

**Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $150,000
To build the capacity of organizations delivering micro-credit services

**Nonprofit Association of Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $150,000
To expand the Latina Associates for Collaborative Endeavors program, which supports a cadre of consultants building capacity in Latino-led and Latino-serving organizations across Oregon

**Northeast Oregon Economic Development District**
Enterprise
Wallowa County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $88,195
To incorporate diversity, equity and inclusion elements into their training curriculum by hosting community discussions within Union, Wallowa and Baker counties

**Oregon Health and Science University Foundation**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $147,178
To build the capacity of small organizations serving marginalized communities to conduct evaluations of their own services

**Oregon Opportunity Network**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $10,000
For Welcome Home Coalition’s participation in Meyer’s Leadership Development Learning Collaborative

**Oregon Opportunity Network**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $10,000
For participation in Meyer’s Leadership Development Learning Collaborative

**Portland State University Foundation**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $133,604
To build the capacity of Oregon nonprofits to understand and use equity-related data and co-produce data literacy curricula and training tools that are responsive to diverse needs

**Vision Action Network**
Beaverton
Washington County
Building Community - Sector Support
Award amount: $150,000
To advance and evaluate the effectiveness of equity in the Washington County Nonprofit Network’s organization, programs and services

**ALF Oregon**
Portland
Clackamas County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $80,000
To establish a geographically and racially diverse Urban/Rural Connection Leadership Cohort that will focus on bridging Oregon’s urban and rural divide

**Basic Rights Education Fund**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To deepen the leadership and advocacy skills of LGBTQ people of color and transgender Oregonians

**Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis**
Corvallis
Benton County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To build the skills of teens participating in the Keystone Leadership program by developing opportunities to advocate for improved relationships and policies within local law enforcement

**Coalition of Communities of Color**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $10,000
For participation in the Meyer Leadership Development Learning Collaborative

**EnLace**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To fortify local leadership through the Women Rise Fellowship Program, the Portland Prison Divestment Campaign, and the Supervision Series

**EUVALCREE**
Ontario
Malheur County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $84,280
To support an initiative to increase civic engagement and leadership development among under-represented and underserved Latino residents in Malheur County

**IRCO, Africa House**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To continue to develop new opportunities for graduates and institutional partners through a mentorship program

**IRCO, Asian Family Center**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To develop a senior fellows program through the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Institute

**IRCO, Slavic Network of Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $81,500
To engage Slavic leadership graduates in experiential learning to gain advocacy skills

**Latino Network**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $10,000
For participation in the Meyer Leadership Development Learning Collaborative

**Momentum Alliance**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To support the Student Alliance Project, an intensive youth program that prepares diverse youth for impactful civic engagement

Native American Youth and Family Center
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $10,000
For participation in the Meyer Leadership Development Learning Collaborative

Oregon Health Authority
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $49,500
To support the Developing Equity Leadership Through Training and Action (DELTa) program, which brings together agencies and organizations committed to advancing health equity and diversity throughout Oregon

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To strengthen the Hunger-Free Leadership Institute

Portland Community College Foundation
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
For a new Servant Leadership Collaborative at PCC’s Rock Creek Campus that leverages multiple leadership programs in the college system to support student leaders of color

Rural Development Initiatives
Eugene
Lane County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To pilot three diversity, equity and inclusion related leadership development initiatives focused on rural communities

Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality
Salem
Marion County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To organize, train and empower Latino Spanish-speaking parent leaders on social justice in education and civic representation

Self Enhancement, Inc.
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $47,500
To support the African American Leadership Academy, which supports a strong leadership pipeline to advance the interests of the Black community and improve racial equity

**Social Justice Fund Northwest**
Seattle
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
For the Portland Giving Project, a leadership development program focused on social justice philanthropy

**Verde**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $41,000
To expand the Lideres Verdes (Green Leaders) program to reach new and more diverse communities living in the broader Portland Metropolitan area

**Western States Center**
Portland
Multnomah County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To implement the Two Spirit Justice Program, which develops tribal leaders as effective advocates and ensures that equitable access and opportunities for Two Spirit/LGBTQ tribal community members

**Willamette Valley Law Project**
Woodburn
Marion County
Building Community - Supporting Leaders
Award amount: $85,000
To accelerate and broaden the Capaces Network’s Thinking Forward Leadership Development project, to align and assess its collective capacity, and to adapt it to meet community demand

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**Equitable Education portfolio**

Grants awarded: 7
Total awarded: $1,427,850

In a flourishing Oregon, equitable education means that all students — regardless of race, ethnicity, family income, geography, disability or language — have the opportunity to succeed in school at all levels of the education continuum. We expect that all students enter school ready to succeed, are reading at benchmark by third grade, are on track for graduation when they enter high school, and graduate high school with a plan for post-secondary and career success. We aim to build a unified movement to advance equitable education, create systems and policy level impact, and improve student achievement and college and career readiness.
AVID Center  
San Diego  
N/A  
Award amount: $75,000  
To support regional professional development for teachers outside of the Portland Metropolitan area

Children's Institute  
Portland  
Multnomah County  
Award amount: $80,000  
For core operating support

Northwest Health Foundation Fund II  
Portland  
Multnomah County  
Award amount: $600,000  
For the Health and Education Fund, aimed at exploring partnerships at the intersection of health and education

Northwest Regional Education Service District  
Hillsboro  
Washington County  
Award amount: $132,850  
To develop a Professional Learning Community comprised of nine Oregon Tribes, Title VII Indian Education Directors and other Native education leaders

Oregon Community Foundation  
Portland  
Multnomah County  
Award amount: $140,000  
For continued support of the Oregon Parent Education Collaborative (OPEC), a partnership between OCF, Meyer, Ford Family Foundation, the Collins Foundation, and Oregon State University

Oregon Community Foundation  
Portland  
Multnomah County  
Award amount: $250,000  
For a multi-year collaborative investment to address disparities in Oregon’s child care provider training system

Stand for Children Leadership Center  
Portland  
Multnomah County  
Award amount: $150,000  
For program and administrative support

Healthy Environment portfolio

Grants awarded: 18
Our Healthy Environment portfolio investments are grounded in the belief that a flourishing Oregon depends on healthy ecosystems and clean water and air for all. To that end, we focus on the environment on two levels, by prioritizing efforts that protect and improve the health of the environment and by addressing the underlying disparities affecting specific populations and communities. Meyer supports healthy and adaptive natural systems. We further commit to an environmental movement that is effective and relevant to all Oregon’s diverse communities and statewide efforts to equitably spread environmental impacts and benefits among communities. Ultimately, we aim to support community well-being, economic vitality and environmental stewardship.

**Beyond Toxics**
Eugene
Lane County
Award amount: $11,800
For a collaborative effort involving nonprofit and government partners working to build relationships and identify environmental justice priorities in rural communities

**Center for Diversity and the Environment**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $10,000
For technical assistance to implement a new data management system

**Columbia Riverkeeper**
Hood River
Hood River County
Award amount: $25,000
For operating support of this organization that protects and restores the water quality of the Columbia River

**Crag Law Center**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $15,000
For operating support of this organization that provides free legal services and low-cost legal aid to protect wild places, climate and livable communities across Oregon

**Ecotrust**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $20,000
For a collaborative strategic planning effort to recruit and train diverse community members for careers in the green workforce

**Lomakatsi Restoration Project**
Ashland
Jackson County
Award amount: $1,500
For webinars on equity in rural Oregon

**Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center**
Enterprise
Wallowa County
Award amount: $1,500
For webinars on equity in rural Oregon

**Neighbors for Clean Air**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $10,000
For operating support of this organization that provides free legal services and low-cost legal aid to protect wild places, climate and livable communities across Oregon

**OPAL**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $27,200
For a collaborative effort involving nonprofit and government partners working to build relationships and identify environmental justice priorities in rural communities

**Rogue Climate**
Phoenix
Jackson County
Award amount: $1,500
For webinars on equity in rural Oregon

**Rural Organizing Project**
Scappoose
Columbia County
Award amount: $2,000
To develop strategies to support rural environmental organizations integrating diversity, equity and inclusion

**Soul River Incorporated**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $10,000
For operating support of this organization that connects inner-city youth and U.S. military veterans through outdoor experiences

**Sustainable Northwest**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $5,000
For peer learning on diversity, equity and inclusion in place-based integrated water resources planning conference

**Calapooia Watershed Council**
Brownsville
Willamette River Initiative
Linn County
Award amount: $19,102
To support the first phase of floodplain habitat restoration at Bowers Rock State Park, a publicly owned property on the Willamette River near Albany

**The Nature Conservancy in Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
Willamette River Initiative
Award amount: $303,327
To rehabilitate legacy gravel pits and restore habitat and natural river functions at TNC's Willamette Confluence Preserve, an ecological crossroad east of Eugene

**Oregon State University**
Corvallis
Benton County
Willamette River Initiative
Award amount: $12,581
To ensure Willamette River fish data collection is replicable and scientifically-defensible to provide a strong foundation for measuring restoration success

**Soul River Incorporated**
Portland
Multnomah County
Willamette River Initiative
Award amount: $24,000
For a Willamette River outdoor learning program and to build relationships with Willamette conservation organizations

**Willamette Riverkeeper**
Portland
Multnomah County
Willamette River Initiative
Award amount: $154,205
For the fourth phase of reforestation at Willamette Mission State Park north of Salem, putting this publicly-owned property on track to become the largest intact floodplain forest in the Willamette Valley

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**Housing Opportunities portfolio**

Grants awarded: 25
Total awarded: $2,782,475

Safe and affordable housing is essential to vibrant communities and individual opportunity. Oregon needs more units of affordable housing, more housing stability, more innovations and more systems change. To achieve these goals, Meyer uses a three-prong approach to housing. We believe in building and preserving units of affordable housing and strengthening housing providers and the sector. We invest in emerging opportunities and innovations in housing development, service delivery, systems alignment and housing finance. And we support residents through better access to available housing and wrap-around services that help residents retain housing and advance their goals.

**Mercy Corps Northwest**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $125,000
To support Mercy Corps Northwest's Reentry Transition Center, which helps formerly incarcerated individuals find their way back to stable lives

**Northwest Housing Alternatives**
Milwaukie
Clackamas County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Cost Efficiencies
Award amount: $400,000
To support development of a 22-unit project in downtown Oregon City, piloting a rigorous focus on cost-efficient design suited for smaller rural and suburban projects

REACH Community Development
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Cost Efficiencies
Award amount: $400,000
To support development of a 151-unit affordable senior housing project in Southeast Portland, with a rigorous focus on cost-reduction through the application of “lean” principles of planning and coordination

SquareOne Villages
Eugene
Lane County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Cost Efficiencies
Award amount: $200,000
For development of a tiny house village in Cottage Grove and completion of a detailed “toolbox” to assist Oregon communities interested in this approach to housing development

Transition Projects
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Cost Efficiencies
Award amount: $500,000
For support of a North Portland pilot project in partnership with Housing Development Center, which uses a flexible, cost-efficient modular approach to affordable housing development

ACCESS
Medford
Jackson County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $50,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home weatherization and repair program in rural Jackson County, with a priority for assistance to low-income seniors and people with disabilities

Benton Habitat for Humanity
Corvallis
Benton County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $100,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home repair program in Benton County, prioritizing assistance to seniors and people with disabilities

Community Action Team
St. Helens
Columbia County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $50,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home weatherization and repair program in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties, prioritizing assistance to low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities

Community in Action
Ontario
Malheur County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $100,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home weatherization and repair program in Harney and Malheur counties, prioritizing assistance to seniors and people with disabilities

Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County
Newport
Lincoln County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $30,000
To support expansion of a critical repair program in Lincoln County, and to build its expertise and capacity around manufactured homes, prioritizing assistance to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities

NeighborImpact
Redmond
Deschutes County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $50,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home weatherization and repair program in rural Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, prioritizing assistance to low-income seniors and people with disabilities

NeighborWorks Umpqua
Roseburg
Douglas County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $100,000
To support repairs to homes in a 50-space manufactured home park in Roseburg recently acquired by Neighborworks Umpqua, to be maintained as permanently affordable housing, prioritizing households with children

United Community Action Network
Roseburg
Douglas County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $100,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home weatherization and repair program in rural Josephine County focused on the Illinois Valley and prioritizing assistance to seniors and people with disabilities
Yamhill County Affordable Housing Corporation
McMinnville
Yamhill County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Rural Manufactured Home Repair
Award amount: $50,000
To support expansion of a manufactured home repair program in rural Yamhill County, prioritizing assistance to low-income seniors and people with disabilities living in homes built before 1977

Bienestar
Hillsboro
Washington County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $75,000
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy

Central City Concern
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $20,000
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy

Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation
The Dalles
Wasco County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $75,000
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy

Farmworker Housing Development Corporation
Woodburn
Marion County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $75,000
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy

Human Solutions
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $75,000
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Milwaukie
Clackamas County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Sustaining Portfolios
Award amount: $60,975
To support implementation of property-specific portfolio preservation plans, as part of the AHI Sustaining Portfolios Strategy

CASA of Oregon
Sherwood
Washington County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Technical Assistance
Award amount: $12,500
For the National Community Reinvestment Coalition Conference in Portland in early 2018

Corporation for Supportive Housing
New York
Affordable Housing Initiative - Technical Assistance
Award amount: $9,000
To support nonprofit attendance at the national Supportive Housing Summit, an annual gathering of thought leaders in supportive housing and overall housing policy

Neighborhood Partnerships
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Technical Assistance
Award amount: $60,000
To support advocacy work by the Housing Alliance

Neighborhood Partnerships
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Technical Assistance
Award amount: $60,000
For core operating support

Sabin Community Development Corporation
Portland
Multnomah County
Affordable Housing Initiative - Technical Assistance
Award amount: $5,000
For technical assistance and strategic planning around equity
Meyer-Directed Grants

Grants awarded: 14
Total awarded: $905,000

**ACLU**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $20,000
For community-based work that supports the safety, security and civil rights of immigrants and refugees

**Arts Midwest**
Minneapolis
Hennepin County
Award amount: $35,000
To support Creating Connection in Oregon, a collaborative initiative that seeks to engage diverse communities across the state to make arts, culture and creative expression a more valued part of life in Oregon

**Catholic Charities**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $30,000
To provide emergency bridge funding to maintain critical refugee resettlement services

**Unite Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
$20,000
For community-based work that supports the safety, security and civil rights of immigrants and refugees

**Central City Concern**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $500,000
For a collaboration with health systems to invest in a transformational integrated campus providing comprehensive health care with housing

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $30,000
To provide emergency bridge funding to maintain critical refugee resettlement services

**Immigration Counseling Service**
Portland
Multnomah County
$20,000
For community-based work that supports the safety, security and civil rights of immigrants and refugees

IRCO
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $20,000
For community-based work that supports the safety, security and civil rights of immigrants and refugees

Lutheran Community Services Northwest
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $30,000
To provide emergency bridge funding to maintain critical refugee resettlement services

Muslim Educational Trust
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $20,000
For community-based work that supports the safety, security and civil rights of immigrants and refugees

Oregon Community Foundation
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $25,000
To build the capacity of arts organizations in rural and underserved Oregon communities

Oregon Community Foundation
Portland
Multnomah County
$5,000
To support the Oral Health Funders Collaborative

Philanthropy Northwest
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $100,000
To support a PNW Momentum Fellow at Women's Foundation of Oregon, to prepare professionals from underrepresented communities for successful careers in the philanthropic sector

Philanthropy Northwest
Seattle
Award amount: $50,000
To support the Philanthropy Northwest's Momentum Fellowship program, which prepares professionals from underrepresented communities for successful careers in the philanthropic sector
OTHERS

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
Washington, DC
Award amount: $8,280
For 2017 annual membership

Mission Investors Exchange
Seattle
Award amount: $6,500
For 2017 membership and operations

Native Americans in Philanthropy
Minneapolis
Award amount: $6,000
For annual membership

Theatre Communications Group
New York
Award amount: $10,000
To support a national conference to be held in Portland, including participation of Rising Leaders of Color, a cohort of ten exceptionally talented early-career leaders

National Indian Child Welfare Association
Portland
Multnomah County
Award amount: $25,000
For technical assistance for business model assessment and planning for this Oregon-based organization that supports effective policy and services for American Indian children