



MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST
Portfolio Awards, January-March 2017
Total: \$8,817,665

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

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

Total awarded: 653,715

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

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

o 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