

# CareOregon Spring 2017 Community Benefit Grants

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## Development Investment Grants (up to \$80,000)

### Priority Focus: Housing Insecurity

\$60,000	Village Coalition
\$50,000	Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative, Inc.
\$45,000	Bridge Meadows
\$45,000	Maybelle Center for Community
\$40,000	Restoration House
\$35,000	Northwest Pilot Project
\$25,000	Northwest Housing Alternatives

## Capacity Investment Grants (up to \$20,000)

### Focus areas: Core Focus Areas (Children, Members, CHIPs, Social Determinants of Health)

\$20,000	Teaching Preschool Partners
\$20,000	African Youth and Community Organization
\$15,000	The Shadow Project
\$11,000	Tucker Maxon School
\$10,633	Nursingale (Children's Nursing Specialties)
\$10,000	Reading Results
\$10,000	Store To Door
\$10,000	AntFarm Youth Services
\$7,850	Community Partners for Affordable Housing

## Development Investment Grants

### Village Coalition (Metro, Multnomah County)—\$60,000

Project Description: *Village Community Restorative Justice Training Program*: The Village Coalition (VC) is a network of self-governed tiny home villages, architects, builders, artists, community organizers, faith congregations, direct service providers, advocates, local businesses, and government partners working to permanently increase the amount of low-cost transitional housing in the Portland metropolitan area. This program is a collaboration between the Village Coalition, Hazelnut Grove, Right 2 Dream Too, Kenton Women's Village, Dignity Village and Resolutions Northwest. Funding will support hiring a Restorative Justice Coordinator for one year and a Research, Evaluations and Outcomes Coordinator for one year. The former will serve the residents by offering training in the principles and practices of Restorative Justice, Mental Health First Aid, and Conflict

Resolution. The REO Coordinator will provide research, outcomes tracking, program evaluation, reporting, meeting facilitation, public outreach and other administrative services as needed.

<https://www.pdxvillagecoalition.org/>

**Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (Metro)—\$50,000**

Project Description: *PCRI's Homeownership Retention Program*: Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives' (PCRI's) Homeownership Retention and Repair Program fosters homeownership stability for low- and moderate-income homeowners age 55 and older living within the city of Portland. The program is designed to prevent community displacement and assist elders with aging in place. These efforts are particularly important and effective in mitigating displacement due to gentrification for African Americans and other low-income homeowners in North and Northeast Portland. Funding will augment PCRI's Homeownership Retention Program, including the Home Repair grant process, advocacy and referral and informational workshops. Funds will directly support low-income homeowners with roof repairs, plumbing repairs, grab bars and other accessibility improvements for homeowners who were otherwise unable to leave their homes or do daily activities such as bathe or prepare a meal without assistance.

<http://www.pcrihome.org/>

**Bridge Meadows (Metro)—\$45,000**

Project Description: *Building Resilience & Wellness through Intergenerational Place, Permanence and Purpose*: Bridge Meadows develops and sustains intentional, intergenerational neighborhoods for former foster youth, adoptive families, and low-income elders, building place, permanence and purpose one community at a time. Children move from the instability of foster care placements to permanent homes and families. Adoptive parents receive essential resources, guidance and social support. Funding will directly support salaries for the key staff positions of Community Support Specialist at the North Portland site and at a second site in Beaverton when it opens in September 2017.

<http://www.bridgemeadows.org/>

**Maybelle Center for the Community (Metro, Multnomah County)—\$45,000**

Project Description: *Visitation Outreach Program*: The mission of the Maybelle Center (MC) is to nurture the body, mind and spirit of individuals living in Portland's Old Town-Downtown neighborhoods by building connections and community. MC's Visitation and Outreach Program builds relationships and community through weekly visits with volunteers, social and holiday activities and outings throughout the year. Funds will provide general program support to connect members to volunteers, social engagement opportunities and resources that lessen social isolation resulting in better health outcomes.

<http://www.maybelcenter.org/>

**Restoration House (CPCCO, Clatsop Co.)—\$40,000**

Project Description: *Restoration House Fire Code Project*: Restoration House (RH) is a 15-bed transitional housing facility located in Seaside, Oregon. For over 18 years, the 9

bedroom Victorian home has served men over 18 struggling with co-occurring disorders who have been disproportionately impacted by housing insecurities. The men who reside at Restoration House, in addition to having co-occurring disorders, all have criminal backgrounds (primarily sexual offenses). These men have been court ordered to remain and live within Clatsop County after completing their sentences and being released from the prison or psychiatric institution. Funds will fully finance a sprinkler suppression system which will allow RH to serve program participants in a manner consistent with fire code regulations and potentially receive licensing from the state of Oregon to be a Community Mental Health Center.

**Northwest Pilot Project (Metro)—\$35,000**

Project Description: *Housing Case Management for Extremely Low-Income Seniors of Color*: Since 1969, Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP) has been providing services to very low and extremely low-income, disabled, and disenfranchised senior households living in Multnomah County who are facing challenges with rent, are at-risk of homelessness or who are homeless. Funding will support half of the salary and benefit expenses for one new Housing Specialist who will provide housing case management services. NWPP will provide funds to make the position full time in addition to funds for direct client assistance including rent assistance, move-in expenses, deposit and first/last month's rent, transportation, household supplies upon moving into housing, and other housing placement related expenses.

<http://www.nwpilotproject.org/>

**Northwest Housing Alternatives (Metro, Clackamas County)—\$25,000**

Project Description: *Annie Ross House Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families – Shelter Expansion*: Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) builds new homes and new opportunities for seniors, families, veterans and people with special needs across Oregon. The Annie Ross House, operated by NHA, is the only emergency shelter for homeless families in Clackamas County. NHA has operated the Annie Ross House for 30 years, sheltering dozens of families each year. Staff members connect families to vital community resources necessary to stabilize and find permanent housing. The Annie Ross House fills an essential need to help families avoid further trauma caused by homelessness and find permanent housing. Funds will be used to support rebuilding and expanding the Annie Ross House emergency shelter as part of a more broad campus renewal project. The project will expand the Annie Ross House's capacity by 60% in a modern, purpose-built facility aligned with industry best practices. The new shelter will include a unit designed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and feature trauma informed design concepts proven to help people recover from distress and gain independence.

Construction is planned to occur over an 18-month period; ground will be broken in the autumn of 2017 and occupancy will be granted in the winter of 2019.

<https://nwhousing.org/>

## Capacity Investment Grants

### **Teaching Preschool Partners (Metro)—\$20,000**

Project Description: *Habits of Mind Assessment Tool Build Out*: The mission of Teaching Preschool Partners (TPP) is to strengthen quality preschool education for vulnerable children through the creation of teaching preschool classrooms and professional development opportunities. Funding will be used to help develop a software platform for TPP's Habits of Mind assessment process that plays a significant role in transforming teacher practice while documenting children's learning outcomes. The pilot tool used by our demonstration sites was created as a temporary measure to try out content, procedures and processes. TPP is now ready to incorporate what we learned from the pilot into a functional and reliable software application that teachers can access easily, is reliable and accomplishes the intended goals.

### **African Youth and Community Organization (Metro)—\$20,000**

Project Description: *Health care / Disabilities Cultural Liaison*: African Youth and Community Organization (AYCO) began working with immigrant and refugee youth in 2009, developing opportunities for mentorship and sports activities. The need for more comprehensive family and community support has moved AYCO toward building opportunities to bridge the cultural and linguistic challenges that too often get in the way of accessing health care, school supports and community resources. We offer family mentorship, parent-school mediation, cultural brokering and trainings with mainstream institutions (such as the health care system), inclusionary programming for people with disabilities, and English language classes. AYCO has recently formalized a pilot project with the Multnomah County Health Department to support immigrant access to health care, and increase health care provider understanding of cultural implications of care. Funding will be used for a part-time Cultural Liaison at AYCO who will build trust between patients and health care providers, and will improve patient capacity to navigate the health care system independently.

### **The Shadow Project (Metro)—\$15,000**

Project Description: *Advancing Equity for Children with Learning Challenges*: The Shadow Project's mission is to make learning more accessible and engaging for children with disabilities so they can achieve their full potential. The Shadow Project currently partners with teachers in 35 predominantly high-poverty schools to improve graduation rates for children whose diagnosed conditions include dyslexia, ADHD, autism, communications and emotional disorders. By training teachers with proven strategies and equipping classrooms with specialized tools tailored to diverse learning needs, The Shadow Project has fostered success for more than 10,000 students grades kindergarten through eight who typically read one-to-three years below grade level. The goal of Shadow's 'Advancing Equity' initiative is to improve student and teacher efficacy by providing full-day wrap around support for students with learning challenges. Funds will be allocated to the Program/Volunteer Coordinator, a position created for this project to recruit, train and manage volunteers to provide one-on-one and small-group support for students and teachers using Shadow learning tools and lead family engagement (in English and Spanish).

**Tucker Maxon School (Metro)—\$11,000**

Project Description: *Diagnosing Hearing Loss for Oregon Children*: The mission of Tucker Maxon School (TMS) is to teach deaf and hearing children to listen, talk, learn, and achieve excellence together. Tucker Maxon's students don't use sign language. Through the use of digital hearing aids, cochlear implants, and early intervention, students who are deaf learn to listen and talk. TMS offers the only comprehensive Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) program for children who are deaf in Oregon. Funding will purchase equipment to perform Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) testing which will allow TMS to diagnose hearing loss in infants who have not passed their initial hearing screening at birth. The ABR test provides information about the inner ear (cochlea) and brain pathways for hearing. The test can be used with infants, who often have a difficult time with conventional behavioral methods of hearing screening. The ABR is also indicated for a person with signs, symptoms, or complaints suggesting a type of hearing loss in the brain or a brain pathway. An onsite pediatric audiologist will provide hearing aid consultation and programming, cochlear implant candidacy evaluation, and referral for early intervention services.

**Nursingale (Children's Nursing Specialties) (Metro)— \$10,633**

Project Description: *Delegation Nursing Program*: Nursingale's mission is to enhance the lives of the medically fragile at home and in the community. Nursingale's vision is to provide the best nursing care to the most vulnerable medically fragile by providing ethical in-home nursing care with compassion. We have been successful in creating a family centered nursing agency for the medically fragile. Funding will support startup staffing, equipment and office costs for the development of our delegation program in partnership with the state's Children's Intensive In-home Services program (CIIS). They have requested a partnership with Nursingale to provide delegation nurses to work in homes where medically fragile children are cared for by parents, extended family members and unlicensed caregivers instead of professional nursing staff.

**Reading Results (Metro)—\$10,000**

Project Description: *Ensure More Students are on a Path to Success*: Reading Results partners with schools in Multnomah County to identify first, second, and third graders who are falling behind in reading, and intervenes by providing an intensive reading instructional program. Students work one-on-one or one-on-two during the school day with paid, trained tutors for 30 minutes, three times each week throughout the school year. Tutoring teams are comprised of one certified teacher/reading specialist and two unemployed or underemployed parents selected from the low-income school community. Employing parents not only provides a needed economic boost for struggling families, it also helps shape the program to be more responsive to community needs and creates direct lines of communication with the populations served. Funding will support expansion of the Reading Results program, ensuring more students who are low income and students of color are on a path to success through gains in reading at benchmark by third grade.

**Store To Door (Metro) - \$10,000**

Project Description: *Store to Door In-Reach Project*: Store to Door supports independent living for Portland area seniors and people with disabilities by providing an affordable, personalized, volunteer-based grocery shopping and delivery service. It is the only service

of its kind in the state of Oregon. Demand for Store to Door's unique service is dramatically on the rise as more elders in our community living with disabilities are experiencing poverty and need assistance to remain living independently in their own homes. Funding will provide free grocery deliveries to approximately 235 current Store to Door clients who are also on the Oregon Health Plan. Evaluation will include direct impact on CareOregon members.

**AntFarm Youth Services (Metro, Clackamas Co.) - \$10,000**

Project Description: AntFarm Youth Services: AntFarm's (AF) mission is to create and connect a healthy, purposeful, and compassionate community by providing life-changing learning experiences for youth. In July of 2010 with a crew of 10 "high risk" youth AF began demolition on a vacant building in the downtown area of Sandy to open AntFarm. Since this date AntFarm has become a well-known community center with no barriers and an open door policy. As a community space of learning, community members do not view AntFarm as a treatment center yet it has been designed with evidence based interventions and a service-learning focus. Funding will be used to strengthen capacity in the outdoor learning program through the purchase of a truck and tool trailer. This will increase capacity to serve youth in the AntFarm Learning Garden, CommunityConnect, Outdoor Adventure, and YouthCore programs. The truck will be used to transport youth, haul supplies, pull trailers, and generally to provide the means to do the work of AF.

**Community Partners for Affordable Housing (Metro, Washington Co.) - \$7,850**

Project Description: Thriving at Home Plan of Action: Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) creates and maintains safe, healthy and affordable housing with services for diverse residents including families, seniors and people with disabilities in Washington County and SW Portland. The Thriving at Home Plan of Action will focus on two senior properties (a total of 99 units) and one 47-unit property that has many disabled and senior residents. 20 units at the senior properties are set aside for veterans. Although CPAH has a long history of providing services, those services have not been focused on health or housing retention. Over the past ten years the Thriving at Home program has been developed for senior communities and has primarily focused on social connections and social activities. The Thriving at Home Plan of Action will develop agency protocol and practices to improve resident access to resources, increase collaboration with health care partners, and ultimately improve health outcomes for residents. Funding will be used to conduct the assessment survey at 3 CPAH properties.