



## **Community Placemaking grant projects – 2025 cycle**

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### **The PATHfinder Club at the Center for Family Success**

Location: **Portland - E, NE**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Pathfinders of Oregon**

This grant supports an arts-based support club for teens impacted by incarceration, deportation and detention. Weekly sessions, facilitated by staff with shared lived experience, feature mindfulness, art, writing, community-building activities and meal sharing. Youth will learn to overcome the shame and stigma associated with familial incarceration.

### **Building a Community of Care for Post-COVID Asian American and Immigrant Communities in Portland**

Location: **Portland - Downtown**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Portland Chinatown History Foundation dba Portland Chinatown Museum**

This grant supports a series of in-person workshops, events and an exhibit that address anti-Asian hate through healing, empowerment and safety. Involves a collaboration of community organizations and artists, educators and healing practitioners to create a community of care.

### **Home away from home for Ukrainian refugees**

Location: **Hillsboro, Portland - NE**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **DAWN, Inc.**

This grant supports programming that preserves and celebrates Ukrainian culture through traditional music, dance and arts. By cultivating safe spaces for self-expression and sharing of traditions, they support the healing and cohesion of the Ukrainian community.

### **Roots n Threads: Empowering Black and Brown Youth in Albina Through Place-Based Design**

Location: **Portland - NE**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **ELSO Inc.**

This grant supports two programs that ensure Black and Brown youth are shaping the physical and cultural landscape of their neighborhood. The Youth Design Forum engages 85 youth with planners to reimagine Albina's future. Roots n Threads guides 15 participants in exploring Albina's cultural heritage through place-inspired, wearable art.

### **Rose City Girls Dance Program**

Location: **Portland, Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, (TBD)**

Grant award: **\$15,360**

Grantee: **Iu Mien Association of Oregon**

This grant supports and grows the Rose City Girls dance program to bring awareness to the culture and connect with other refugees, immigrants and communities of color. It allows for participation in events that are inclusive of other Southeast Asian communities in the Portland Metro area.

**Piko To Piko**

Location: **Beaverton, Forest Grove, Portland - NE**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Ka Aha Lahui O Olekona**

This grant supports the start of a third community garden to grow kalo (taro). There will be weekly and monthly volunteer opportunities and three events: a blessing that follows cultural protocols and to gain permission from the Indigenous community, an educational session to learn more about growing kalo, and a harvest celebration at the end of the growing season.

**Eat & Greets, 2025-2026**

Location: **Portland - NE, SE, E**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Cultivate Initiatives**

This grant supports food gatherings for housed and unhoused neighbors at a safe rest village so they can see themselves connected to each other. Includes compensation for the unhoused neighbors on the planning committee and free food for all participants.

**Filipino Cultural Immersion Program**

Location: **TBD, Portland - E**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Filipino American Association of Portland & Vicinity, Inc**

This grant supports a Filipino Cultural Immersion Program focused on cuisine, language and story telling, music and arts to teach, honor and preserve elder traditions. It culminates in a July celebration.

**Youth Empowerment through the Arts**

Location: **Portland - NE, SW, SE**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Color Outside the Lines**

This grant will support foster and at-risk youth's collaboration with culturally responsive artist mentors on 3 murals, individually celebrating African American, Latino and Native American cultures. It includes art supplies for 500 youth with a journal to connect them with their surrounding environment and nature as means of wellbeing.

**2025 Mahrajan**

Location: **Portland - SE**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon**

This grant supports the Arab American Cultural Center putting on their largest community event that brings together thousands of Oregonian-Arabs and non-Arabs to celebrate their culture, foster relationships and educate Oregonians.

**Terrain**

Location: **Portland - NW**

Grant award: **\$6,700**

Grantee: **Art in Oregon**

This grant supports fifteen artists creating works using natural materials and drawing inspiration from the landscape. The exhibit is meant to spark curiosity and environmental stewardship within the broader community. There's an emphasis on ecology, natural materials and lack of representation of people of color in outdoor spaces.

**WY'EAST: A New Musical**

Location: **Multnomah County, Washington County**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Bag & Baggage Productions**

This grant supports the creation of a theatre piece that answers the question, an acknowledgment is one thing, but what are you going to do next? It will invite audiences to think about how they can learn the history and the myths of the land they live on and how to celebrate Indigenous land honoring traditions.

**Wat Dhammarangsey Restoration**

Location: **West Linn**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **Oregon Cambodian Buddhist Society**

This grant supports creation of a community garden that honors Khmer cultural heritage while promoting environmental stewardship, engaging the Khmer community--many of whom are refugees or descendants of refugees--in hands-on activities such as gardening, educational workshops and farm-to-table events.

**PNWCWP Annual Medicine Gathering**

Location: **Gresham**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Pacific Northwest Council of Water Protectors**

Fiscal sponsor: **Great Spirit United Methodist Church**

This grant supports a gathering that brings together the Native community and its allies for cultural teachings, traditional foods, medicine and healing via workshops, talking circles, ceremony, art and music. The gathering hosts cultural performances and sacred ceremony to bring folks together to cultivate and foster sacred relationships to the water and community.

**Marianas Festival 2025: Cultural Celebration and Community Empowerment**

Location: **Fairview**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Marianas Alliance for Growth of Islanders**

This grant supports expansion of the Marianas Festival's reach and impact by enhancing cultural programming, increasing community engagement and improving the overall festival experience. It celebrates and preserves the cultural heritage of the Marianas Islands communities.

**Prismid Sanctuary Project**

Location: **Portland - N**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Prismid, Inc.**

This grant supports new hires to manage and implement place-based and grief-oriented programming that expands the impact and capacity of their BIPOC-centered community space and provides a free, accessible and welcoming place for creative wellness programs and social justice-oriented, eco-social practices.

**Events Celebrating BIPOC Culture In and Around Lake Oswego**

Location: **Lake Oswego, Oregon City**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Respond to Racism in Lake Oswego**

This grant supports a series of cultural events in multiple locations developed and delivered under the guidance of steering committees connected to each culture being celebrated. It emphasizes the importance of BIPOC community members feeling celebrated and seen in Clackamas County, leading to a sense of place.

**Community Stories are Community Survival: The Selah Series**

Location: **Portland - NE**

Grant award: **\$16,140**

Grantee: **The UPRISE Collective**

This grant supports the Selah Series, a BIPOC storytelling space that supports healing, knowledge sharing and cross-community power building within a system that benefits from collective disconnection and un-wellness. The four events will feature ASL, BIPOC vendors, full ADA accessibility and compensation to community members for the gift of their stories.

**Tigray Community of Oregon - Leadership and Capacity Building for Cultural Preservation**

Location: **Portland - E**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Tigray Community of Oregon**

This grant supports skill development and leadership training to empower Tigrat community members to participate in civic activities as they prepare to host their largest event to date, Wa'Ela Tigray 2025, which will showcase local leadership within the Tigrayan community to others in the US and set the stage for future initiatives, including the establishment of a community center.

**Kultura at Bayanihan: An Arts and Culture Program for Collective Action**

Location: **Portland - SE, TBD**

Grant award: **\$25,000**

Grantee: **Filipino Bayanihan Center**

This grant supports workshops for writing, music, video production and community-based discussions and will culminate in a theatre production and documentary that sheds light on the Filipino migrant experience.

**2025 New Year in the Park**

Location: **Portland - NE**

Grant award: **\$15,000**

Grantee: **New Year in the Park planning committee**

Fiscal sponsor: **Cambodian American Community of Oregon**

This grant supports the most important traditional cultural festival for the peoples of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and more, providing an opportunity to offer blessings and honor community and share traditional performances, crafts, activities and food.

**Voices of Wisdom**

Location: **Multnomah County, Washington County**

Grant award: **\$21,800**

Grantee: **Seven Vision**

Fiscal sponsor: **Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media Education**

This grant supports a series of 3-day workshops for youth aged 13-21 with an emphasis on underserved indigenous, Black and Latinx youth and students less likely to thrive in standardized educational settings. Participants will learn media-production and each create a music video or storytelling piece with the mentorship from guest artists, with the goal of finding their voice and becoming empowered self-directed creators.

**Discovering St. Johns**

Location: **Portland - N**

Grant award: **\$10,000**

Grantee: **Vibe of Portland**

This grant supports youth engagement around the untold history of St. Johns from a BIPOC perspective. Includes historical research, community outreach and artistic collaboration and will result in a series of prints, videos and music that celebrate St. Johns' communities' diverse heritage and contributions.