

2022 Nature in Neighborhoods nature education and outdoor experiences grant applications and review committee funding recommendations

Full Proposals recommended for funding by the review committee

Organization Name	Program Title	Amount Recommended	Program Partners	Potential Partners	Program Summary	Location	Match Funds
Atabey Medicine	Atabey BIPOC Medicine	\$50,000	POCA Tech, Alder Commons, Brown Girl Rise, Metro Stewardship Lead Jessica Rojas	Native Gathering Garden at Cully Park, Come Thru farmers’ market, wellness businesses like Open Hand Health and Clary Sage.	Atabey BIPOC Medicine program is a local apprenticeship rooted in investing in Black, Indigenous, and folks of color building meaningful relationships with plants, land, and their ancestral healing practices as a pathway to community healing and liberation.	Multnomah County	\$50,000
Brown Girl Rise	Brown Girl Rise	\$70,000	Feed'em Freedom Foundation, Atabey Medicine, Alder Commons,	SOLVE, NAYA, Wild Diversity, Create More/Fear Less, Teen Force, Team Indigenous Rollerderby	Brown Girl Rise’s mission is to cultivate a sisterhood of girls and non-binary femmes of color engaged in reclaiming their connection to body, community, land, health, and creativity; enabling them to create a just future where we can rise together.	Multnomah County	\$80,000
Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development Area	Aves Compartidas Portland Expansion	\$70,000	<u>Oregon Partners:</u> East Metro STEAM Partnership, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, Friends of Trees, Candy Lane Elementary, El Puente Elementary, Davis Elementary, OSU, UO, PSU - LSAMP <u>Mexico Partners:</u> University of Guanajuato, Salvemos al Rio Laja, Audubon de Mexico	Riverside Elementary, PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions, Worksystems, Clackamas and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Local Watershed Councils, Unite Oregon, Private Industry (additional native plant nurseries), World Oregon	Aves Compartidas Portland Expansion	Clackamas County	\$70,000

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Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization (CAIRO)	STEM in Nature	\$50,000	Portland Metro Stem Partnership, Clean Water Services, Beaverton School District, Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District, Begona, Reynolds: Multilingual Department	We will identify potential partner organizations as needed, but at this time we feel we have who we need to carry this out already in place	Students will learn and practice environmental science focused on water. High school students will also learn about related career paths and act as near-peer leaders for younger student outings.	Washington County	\$50,000
Community Cycling Center	Nature-based Bike Camps for Low-Income Youth of Color	\$100,000	Latino Network, César Chávez School; IRCO; Menlo Park Elementary; Parkrose Middle; Hacienda CDC; Rose CDC; Self Enhancement Inc; KairosPDX; Urban Nature Partners PDX; Verde; Club Aves; Friends of Trees Village Gardens; Portland Fruit Tree Project	None identified	CCC’s annual Bike Camp teaches youth how to use a bicycle as a safe, healthy, and empowering transportation tool. Our Bike Camps, which include a special nature education focus, center low-income youth of color including immigrant and refugee populations.	Multnomah County	\$100,000
Confluence	Confluence Outdoors	\$30,000	Sandy River Watershed Council, Beaverton School District’s Title IV Indian Education Program, Hillsboro School District’s Title IV Indian Education Program, Native American Youth and Families Center (NAYA), and the Cottonwood School for Civics and Science	None identified	Confluence Outdoors will connect at least 200 students (a majority of whom identify as Native American) from Hillsboro, Beaverton and Portland with Indigenous educators at the Sandy River Delta to learn lessons in history, culture, ecology and art.	Washington County	\$30,000

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ELSO	ELSO Culturally Relevant Programming	\$100,000	The Blueprint Foundation, BEAM Village, Friends of Tryon Creek, Wild Diversity, Metro, US Fish and Wildlife, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Tualatin Riverkeepers, Prescott Elementary School.	Mudbone Grown, Black Food Sovereignty, Open Signal Media	Expanding and improving year-round, culturally relevant STEM education programs for BIPOC youth which are designed by and for BIPOC communities in collaboration with schools and community organizations, with a focus on expanding STEAM career pathways.	Metro-wide	\$100,000
Parrott Creek Child & Family Services	Cultural Ecology and Trauma Healing Project	\$100,000	Friends of Tryon Creek; Greater Oregon City Watershed Council; Red Lodge Transition Services; Oregon Food Bank; Ash Creek Forest Management; 16+ member organizations of the Safe Kids Coalition for Clackamas County	Clackamas Soil & Water Conservation District, Native American Youth and Family Center, Native American Rehabilitation Association, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.	The goal of the Cultural Ecology and Trauma Healing Project is to return our 80 acres of land to an ecologically and culturally functioning site through restoration practices, community stewardship, and meaningful long-term Indigenous partnerships.	Clackamas County	\$100,000
Play, Grow, Learn	East County Nature Education	\$30,000	City of Gresham, Afro Village, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Friends of Trees, Oasis Wellness Gardens	None identified	Play, Grow, Learn will incorporate nature education into their existing young workforce development and farmer's market programming.	Multnomah County	\$30,000

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Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.	Wisdom Workforce Development Program	\$100,000	The Confluence Project and Wombyn's Wellness Garden. Johnson Creek Watershed Council, PP&R Community Gardens, Zenger Farm, Friends of Trees, Oswego Lake Watershed Council, East/West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation and Leach Botanical Garden	Green Workforce Academy (a Collaborative of Ecotrust), Great Spirit United Methodist Church, Blueprint Foundation, PSU Native American Student Community Center, Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Forest Park Conservancy	The Wisdom Workforce Development (WWD) Program educates and trains Native American adults in urban environmental restoration and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) through paid part-time opportunities and hands-on restoration techniques in the field.	Multnomah County	\$280,000
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Adventures Without Limits	Disability-led, Water Access Coalition and Programming	\$49,980	Oregon Spinal Cord Injury Connection, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Empowering Access, Tualatin Riverkeepers	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Portland All Nations Canoe Family, and BIPOC-led organizations with whom USFWS has existing cooperative agreements	This disability led program is focused on water access in Portland by and for the intersectional disabled community. This program consists of four parts: relationship building, on-water community events, coalition efforts, and resource development.	Metro-wide	\$104,690.80

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The Blueprint Foundation	Grounding Waters and Constructing Careers	\$80,000	Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Forest Park Conservancy, Leach Botanical Garden, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Mudbone Grown, Wisdom of the Elders, AYCO, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Dharma Rain Zen Center, Friends of Trees, Portland Fruit Tree Project, Portland Parks and Recreation, I'm Hooked, Phi Beta Sigma, NSBE, USFWS, Tryo	Black Futures Farm	The Blueprint Foundation engages Black youth and adults in culturally responsive, project-based training and mentoring that prepares them for family-sustaining careers in the green sector while contributing to environmental justice initiatives.	Multnomah County	\$100,000
Columbia Slough Watershed Council	Free Environmental Education in the Columbia Slough Watershed	\$40,000	Rigler Elementary, Sitton Elementary, Glenfair Elementary, Davis Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Woodland Elementary, POIC/RAHS, Alliance HS at Meek, Helensview High School, Reynolds Learning Academy, NAYA Many Nations Academy, St Andrew Nativity Middle School	Portland Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Environmental Services, Multnomah County Drainage District, City of Gresham, City of Fairview, Portland Water Bureau, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	Slough School is the free education program of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, which provides K-12 school-based environmental education to Title I schools in N and NE Portland, Parkrose, Reynolds, and Gresham-Barlow School Districts.	Multnomah County	\$40,000
Earthontheedge inc.	ivy infestation education and projects	\$10,000	Oregon Episcopal School, Mollalla Academy, Solve Oregon	Milwaukie, David Douglas, and Mollalla High Schools	Giving high school students an opportunity to learn about invasive species' harmful effects on the environment and providing projects to help meet their community service hours required to graduate.	Multnomah County	10,003.30

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Ecotrust	Green Workforce Academy	\$100,000	The Blueprint Foundation, Native American Youth and Family Center, Self Enhancement, Inc., Wisdom of the Elders, ReBuilding Center, Mudbone Grown, Treecology, Forest Park Conservancy	Urban Greenspace Institute, City of Portland, Leaders Become Legends	Green Workforce Academy supports the next generation of Black and Native environmental leaders in Portland. GWA offers environmental education, career mentorship, and pathways to higher education, internships, and careers in the growing green economy.	Metro-wide	\$125,000
Friends of Zenger Farm	Friends of Zenger Farm	\$92,000	David Douglas School District (DDSD), The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) schools in DDSD, Black Parent Initiative (BPI), Wisdom of the Elders	Hands of Wonder, African Youth Community Organization	Zenger Farm’s educational programs connect communities with nature and healthy food systems through various entry points – all prioritizing Black and Indigenous, and people of color, and/or low-income people, who are neighborhood youth and their families.	Multnomah County	\$92,000
Grow Portland	Deepening Environmental Educational partnership with David Douglas Schools	\$60,000	Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO); Geoff Gailey, Science and Health Coordinator, David Douglas School District; Letty Martinez, Flying Dogheart Farm; DDSD Elementary Schools: Menlo Park Mill Park Lincoln Park Ventura Park Gilbert Park	East Portland Resiliency Coalition	We'll expand garden programming at 5 David Douglas elementary schools, adding family events and out of school programming as well as expanding gardens with native plants and signs, to facilitate deeper connections with nature and food for school families	Multnomah County	\$400,000

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St. Johns Center for Opportunity	St. Johns Outdoor Community Space	\$15,262	St. Johns Church, St. Johns Center for Opportunity, Microenterprise Services of Oregon, SummerWorks (Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization), Farmers Market Fund, UO, Prosper Portland, St. Johns Sustainability Coalition, Friends of Baltimore Woods	None identified	The parking lot at the corner of N Charleston and N Central in North Portland is home to the St. Johns Farmers Market and St. Johns Sustainability Coalition's annual cleanup. Let's make the space as sustainable as the programs that call it home.	Multnomah County	\$26,360.16
Verde	Club Aves Multicultural Birding and Nature Club	\$100,000	Portland Audubon, Hacienda CDC, Living Cully Coalition	Community Cycling Center	Club Aves builds new generations of environmental stewards through culturally responsive field trip based environmental education for BIPOC and low-income youth and families. Metro funds will help expand the program to reach more youth and families.	Multnomah County	\$217,500
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Restore Arbor Creek	Restore Arbor Creek	\$7,000	Portland Community College	Portland Community College, Metro, Sisters of the Holy Names/Marylhurst Campus	Restore nearly an acre of property full of invasives and has two branches of a creek that merges with another creek and empties one block away into the Willamette River.	Clackamas County	\$7,000
BIPOC Sanctuary (informally Kapwa Sanctuary)	Kapwa Sanctuary Tiny House Retreat Project	\$30,000	Dancing Tree Sanctuary, The Wiancko Foundation, KCC Tibetan Buddhist Center	Various individual small business owners, volunteers, donors, contractors	Kapwa Sanctuary connects low-income BIPOC in the Portland Metro area with tiny forest retreats to take respite out in nature at no cost, in order to remove the financial barrier that keeps many BIPOC out of more traditional retreat spaces.	Multnomah County	\$30,000

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Cool Islam	Engaging BIPOC, immigrant and refugee youths in reducing wildfire risk	\$48,000	Forest Park Conservatory, Forest Park South Firewise Community	Forest Park North Firewise Community	To train BIPOC, immigrant and refugee youths in mitigating wildfire risk. They will share information with their own communities and with people who live in and around the WUI lands. They will also encourage their communities to use the parks and trails.	Multnomah County	\$48,000
Dance United	Music in Nature: Unity in Diversity: Community Outdoor Dance Project	\$85,000	Vibe of Portland, Waste Free Advocates, City of Portland - Summer Free for All, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization	Vive Northwest, Wild Diversity	We will produce multicultural and educational dance events located in parks and outdoors spaces that will serve as a catalyst to enjoy nature while creating a welcoming space for immigrants, communities of color and other historically marginalized groups.	Metro-wide	\$85,000
Forest Park Conservancy	Nature for All	\$75,000	Forest Park Conservancy, Vive NW, Cool Islam	Love is King, Elevate Oregon	This program seeks to increase access to outdoor recreation, environmental education, and stewardship activities for youth and families from Latinx, Islamic and Indigenous communities and break down many of the physical, cultural and economic barriers to participation	Multnomah County	\$85,000
Friends of Trees	School Trees Program	\$100,000	Multnomah County Office of Sustainability, City of Gresham, Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center	David Douglas High School (Centennial), Rigler Elementary (Cully), Davis Elementary (Gresham), Portland State University	Friends of Trees is excited to step back into more formal education and engagement with regional schools on the topics of inequities in our urban tree canopy, healthy urban green spaces, urban heat island effect, tree planting and identification and more.	Multnomah County	\$100,000
Friends of Tryon Creek	Elevating Equity in Environmental Leadership	\$90,000	Oregon State Parks, Blueprint Foundation, Beaverton School District Indian Education Program, Cultural Lifeways Community – Greg Archuleta	Native American Youth and Family Services, HAKI East African Immigrant Community, Camp ELSO, Parrot Creek Child and Family Services, B.E.A.M Village	Elevating Equity in Environmental Leadership (EEEL) Program	Multnomah and Clackamas Counties	\$100,000



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Gentrification is WEIRD!	George Park Improvement plan (The Kidz Outside program)	\$70,000	Portland State University's Center for Sustainable Solutions, Sitton Elementary	Roosevelt High School, George Middle School, St Johns Center for Opportunity, North Portland Parks Group,	Building capacity to create Black-led vision for accessible park in North Portland's George Park.	Multnomah County	\$0
Green Lents	Lents Youth Leaderships and Pollinator Habitat Restoration	\$34,202	Rose CDC, Leach Botanical Garden	PPS Lent Elementary School	This collaborative project will build Lents neighborhood resilience to climate change through restoration of urban pollinator habitats, community action, education and paid summer internships for our low-income and BIPOC youth leaders.	Multnomah County	\$34,202
Growing Gardens	Spanish Immersion Nature and Culture Lessons	\$90,000	Our partners for this program are Portland Public Schools (Lent and Scott), Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and Latino Network.	We would like to start a partnership with Rigler school (PPS) and their after school SUN program, which is administered by Latino Network.	Youth Grow teaches garden-based environmental education to low-income and BIPOC students to encourage healthy eating and establish a connection to nature. This proposal expands culturally-specific Spanish programming at 3 dual-language immersion schools.	Multnomah County	\$90,000
In this Together Care Farm	In this Together Care Farm	\$5,000	Working Theory Farm, Hillsboro ( <a href="https://workingtheoryfarm.org/">https://workingtheoryfarm.org/</a> )	Sequoia Mental Health Services, Trees to Soil LLC, Lifeworks NW, Central City Concern, Cartwheel Community Farm	In this Together Care Farm will be a mobile program where adults with mental health diagnoses living in poverty can gain experience in regenerative farming and habitat restoration while receiving food and stipends.	Washington County	\$5,000
Johnson Creek Watershed Council	Bilingual Nature Events in the Johnson Creek Watershed	\$51,656	APANO, African Yout & Community Organization, Zomi Catholic Community, Portland Parks & Recreation, City of Gresham, Friends of Leach Gardens	Verde	The Johnson Creek Watershed Council partners with culturally-specific groups to provide bilingual and bicultural nature tours in east Portland and Gresham. Cultural, environmental, and economic equity are the center of this program.	Clackamas County	\$53,600

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Leach Garden Friends	Leach Botanical Garden Health in Nature Program	\$100,000	Wisdom of the Elders, Tenemos Rising, P:EAR, The Blueprint Foundation, African Youth & Community Organization	Oregon Nurses Association, Legacy Health, Portland Public School System/other schools & educators	Mental & Physical health for historically disenfranchised groups, as well as nurses & teachers. Shinrin Yoku, mindfulness, yoga, qi-gong, Traditional Ecological Cultural Knowledge ... led mostly by BIPOC experts. Funding to train BIPOC professionals	Multnomah County	\$100,000
Love is King	Love is King Heritage Events	\$35,000	Forest Park Conservancy is our committed partner. We been in partnership since 2021 working to bridge BIPOC communities into Forest park with Heritage Events.	Potentially we share the same space and have pre talked about partnering with Viva Northwest	Love is King aims to eliminate fear and establish safety for Black, Indigenous, and all people of color while in our public parks or on public lands and is committed to creating a reimaged outdoor environment focused on participation,	Multnomah County	\$35,000
Portland Audubon	Green Leaders Program	\$50,000	This initiative is part of a larger effort with Hacienda CDC, Verde, and Portland Audubon to develop a shared vision for engagement. All three partners participate in four Advisory Council sessions to establish benchmarks and provide real time guidance.	None identified	Portland Audubon’s Green Leaders program will connect 8 youth (ages 15-19) from Hacienda CDC as trained environmental educators and changemakers in their own community, linking 50 families to the outdoors with 170 hours of programs in local greenspaces.	Multnomah County	\$50,000
Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center Inc.	Natural Resource Pathway Program	\$50,000	Friends of Trees, Portland Parks and Recreation, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, US Fish and Wildlife Service	None identified	Through the Natural Resource Pathway Program, POIC+RAHS, Friends of Trees, and Portland Parks and Recreation provide low-income youth and youth of color with many nature education opportunities via habitat repair, career-track mentorship, and more.	Multnomah County	\$100,000

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ROSE Community Development	Little Explorers	\$20,000	Providence Beginnings, African Family Holistic Health Organization, Portland Homeless Family Solutions, Women First, Future Generations Collaborative, Women’s Doula Alliance, Guerreras Latinas, and Healthy Birth Initiative from the Multnomah	Leach Botanical Garden, Audubon Society of Portland, Metro, Urban Nature Partners, Multnomah County Library	Parent leaders and community partners from the Baby Booster Initiative will co-create nature-based activities for families with young children in order to reduce chronic stress and improve social, emotional, and mental health.	Multnomah County	\$20,000
Tryon Creek Watershed Council	KKJ Program - Kufurahisha na Kuelimisha Jamii, or Fun Community Education	\$70,000	HAKI Community Organization, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District	Westside Watershed Resource Center, Friends of Tryon Creek, Oswego Lake WC, PP&R, BES Green Streets, BHCP, PCC Sylvania, Sauvie Island Center, Jackson MS, Oregon Zoo, Tryon Life Comm Farm (Many of these committed in 2020 & mutual interest in re-applying)	The Kufurahisha na Kuelimisha Jamii, or Fun Community Education program, will provide outdoor excursions for Portland’s intergenerational Swahili-speaking refugee community, reducing barriers to environmental experiences and building a sense of place.	Multnomah and Washington Counties	\$70,000
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District	Nature Experiences and Workforce Training (NEWT): Changing the Face of the Field	\$100,000	Adelante Mujeres, Beaverton School District (BSD)	Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District (matching funds) and Clean Water Services/Tree for All	THPRD will partner with Adelante Mujeres, Beaverton School District and others to provide after school nature programming for Latinx audiences and expand our current multi-year, workforce development program focusing on Latinx students.	Washington County	\$120,000

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Willamette Partnership	Connecting children to food, culture, and nature	\$45,000	Right From the Start, Mudbone Grown, Black Oregon Land Trust, Womb Homb Collective	Snap-Ed, Oregon Foodbank, Growing Gardens	Mudbone Grown, RFTS, BOLT, Womb Homb, and OHOI are connecting children to food, culture, and nature by building site-specific learning gardens, creating a community outdoor classroom, and offering training and resources to Black childcare providers.	Multnomah and Washington Counties	\$45,000
Willamette Partnership	Expanding Access to Outdoor Preschools	\$30,000	Down to Earth Forest School, United Way, Outdoor Early Learning Coalition of Oregon	Other members of the Outdoor Early Learning Initiative including preschool providers in the Portland Metro area, Environmental Education Association of Oregon, Oregon Natural Resource Education Program, CCR&R, Preschool for All, Right from the Start	Through capacity-building, storytelling, and advocacy, we are building a future where families of any background in the Metro area have the choice to send their kids to an accessible outdoor or nature-based preschool and reap the benefits of being outside	Metro-wide	\$30,000
World Salmon Council	Salmon Watch	\$20,000	The Blueprint Foundation, Willamette Valley Environmental Education group, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, The Bureau of Land Management	The Latino Network, NAYA Family Center	World Salmon Council's (WSC) mission is to provide experiential education and encounters with wild salmon to connect students with nature and empower community engagement through field trips, service projects, and classroom activities.	Metro-wide	\$30,480