



Date: October 27, 2021
 To: Portland Clean Energy Fund Committee
 From: PCEF Staff
 Subject: PCEF Mini grants briefing memo for 11/3/21 Committee meeting

Staff are providing an informational update to the PCEF Committee on the current performance of the Mini Grant Program at the 11/3 Committee meeting. There is no decision required of the Grant Committee at this time. The memo is intended to supplement the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented at the 11/3 meeting. The memo includes information about the selected grant recipients, types of applicants, and funding amounts.

Priority Group Description

The following group descriptions are used in the selection process where Group 1 is given priority for funding over Group 2, with Group 2 given priority over Group 3, and so forth.

- Group 1 – Majority reflective of PCEF priority communities, small (3 FTE or less)
- Group 2 – Majority reflective of PCEF priority communities, not small (4 FTE or more)
- Group 3 – Not majority reflective of PCEF priority communities, small (3 FTE or less)
- Group 4 – Not majority reflective of PCEF priority communities, not small (4 FTE or more)

** "Majority reflective" means that the applicant answered questions on the grant application that indicate that most of the organization's work benefits one or more of PCEF's priority communities and that most (50% or greater) of the organization's board and staff leadership reflect those beneficiaries.*

The table below provides information on the proportion of organizations that were majority reflective or small that were awarded funding (i.e., grantees) compared with those that applied for funding

Description	Results
Grantees, who serve and are majority reflective of PCEF priority populations	August: 100% (20/20) October: 100% (20/20) <hr/> Total: 100% (40/40)

Applicants, who serve and are majority reflective of PCEF priority populations	August: 70% (60/85) October: 69% (31/45) <hr/> Total: 70% (91/130)
Grantees with three or fewer FTE	August: 100% (20/20) October: 70% (14/20) <hr/> Total: 85% (34/40)
Applicants with three or fewer FTE	August: 80% (68/85) October: 80% (36/45) <hr/> Total: 80% (104/130)

** Figures above reflect each time an application was considered for funding. The numbers include 13 applications that were originally submitted in the August cycle, who were eligible but not selected for funding, who chose to carry their application into the October cycle.*

Data that remains to be collected as grants come to completion:

- Use of funds - # of requests - % funded to support grant application and % funded to support other types of projects - TBD
- Applicant survey to confirm application process took less than one hour on average - TBD
- Track organizations that move from mini-grant recipients to larger PCEF grants – TBD
- Projects with physical improvements vs non-physical improvement – TBD

August 2021 – Grantees

- Black Community of Portland
- Hygiene For All
- People of Color Outdoors - Columbia Slough Watershed Council (FS)
- De Rose Community Bridge and Holistic Wellness
- Nutrition Garden Rx - East Portland Neighbors (FS)
- Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center
- Global Works Community Fund
- I'm Hooked, Inc.
- LatinoBuilt Foundation
- Leaders Become Legends - Lines For Life (FS)
- WeShine Initiative - Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (FS)
- Oregon Native American Chamber
- Portland All Nations Canoe Family
- Project LEDO
- Risen Community
- Rohingya Youth Association of Portland

- Somali Organization Service Center
- St. Johns Swapnplay
- Women-SEW Global Foundation
- Yoga Punx PDX

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total across all groups
Total Request	\$238,619	\$58,900	\$92,750	\$20,000	\$410,269
Total Funded	\$99,215	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$99,215

Grantee Project Examples *(in their words):*

Rohingya Youth Association of Portland: Our proposal is to educate our community about how to save electricity and living in the community with environmental safety. Leaders in our organization were trained in 2015 by Catholic Charities on saving electricity and environmental safety. With funding, we will purchase materials for training and train 30 members of the community who will pass along the knowledge within our community.

Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center: Ethiopian & Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center (EECRC) is a 501 C 3 non-profit CBO which serves African refugees, immigrants, and low-income populations. It is evident that low-income populations have a higher chance of experiencing the ill-effect of climate change and environmental injustice. EECRC has previously partnered with like-minded organizations on sustainability practices. However, to tackle the problem at large, need-based and targeted actions are critical. Therefore, it is necessary to further assess our community understanding on environmental justice and their needs. This combines with EECRC three-year strategic plan to develop youth leadership by attracting next generation leaders. Therefore, this fund will be used for conducting need assessment and engaging youth leaders.

Leaders Become Legends: We would use the funding to help us prepare for the PCEF grant by getting a grant writer and working together to create a clear plan. We are aiming to get help with writing our grant but also looking to do community outreach to get more young adults involved green jobs and career opportunities and access to training and resources.

Women-SEW Global Foundation: Our program, Stitching Lives Together, serves underrepresented and underserved BIPOC women and girls through 8 affinity sewing collectives as a way to achieve leadership skills, self-sustainability and economic development. Funding from PCEF would provide 4 sewing project workshops on refashioning, repairing, repurposing, and recycling clothes and other sewing projects. Eight (8) sewing collectives consisting of 60 - 70 BIPOC women and girls will learn and/or increase their sewing skills, in order to reduce waste in their wardrobes choices and various project sewing on climate change by refashioning, repairing, repurposing and recycling plus how to thrift-shop.

Portland All Nations Canoe Family: The PCEF Mini Grant Funding will help Portland All Nations Canoe Family to pay towards contracted staff to attend trainings on climate change, resilience, action; Engage the Indigenous community to hear climate change impacts and their ideas for climate adaptation and actions; Gather an Advisory of Indigenous community members who have experience in Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Western Bio/Ecology related to climate adaptation, resilience and action; Support for contracted staff to research, organize, and write grants; Hire a Grant writer to help us respond to the PCEF RFP for the 2021 Call for Proposals and other grants that center climate, racial and social justice.

October 2021 – Grantees

- African American Alliance for Homeownership
- Blanchet House of Hospitality
- Coalition of Black Men
- Commongoods Network (FS) Reparations and Earth Restoration
- Creative And Emergent Technology Institute (CETI)
- Diversifying Energy
- Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors (ECO)
- Farmland Produce Distribution Project- African Community - Risen Community (FS)
- Friends of Sellwood Community House
- Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) - Risen Community (FS)
- One World Musical Books (dba FROGTOWN) - One World Chorus (FS)
- Our United Villages dba ReBuilding Center
- Portland Indigenous Marketplace
- Senior Advocates for Generational Equity
- Small Business Utility Advocates
- The Circus Project
- The Eena (Beaver) Festival - City Repair (FS)
- The Raven Corps
- Transformative Living Community, Int'l
- Working Class Acupuncture Inc

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Total across all groups
Total Request	\$124,600	\$28,500	\$55,000	\$14,995	\$223,095
Total Funded	\$70,000	\$28,500	\$0	\$0	\$98,500

Grantee Project Examples (in their words):

The Eena (Beaver) Festival: The grant funding would support putting on the Eena (Beaver) Festival. The Eena Festival is an indigenous-led festival that raises awareness about non-human-led restoration, shares education about traditional ecological knowledge, and creates a safe, welcoming, environment to increase access to nature for Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Activities will include storytelling, wood carving demonstrations, a talk on traditional ecological knowledge, traditional salmon bake, kids craft table, music, and singing.

Coalition of Black Men: The COBM is launching a program, Restore Nuisance Abatement Consortium (RNAC), in October 2021. The mission to remove graffiti and debris from property in the Portland metropolitan region and reduce its impact on our environment. COBM will provide entry level employment opportunities to unemployed and under employed Black and BIPOC adults. We will work with nonprofits, businesses and public agencies that serve the Black and BIPOC community. The COBM seeks funds to: a.) develop and provide operating and safety procedures training to its workers; b.) research strategies to implement to recycle, restore the natural habitat, and reduce energy use.

Farmland Produce Distribution Project – African Community: The community I represent are indigenous, predominantly farmers from eastern-central Africa. They are trained with capacity development programs by UNDP (United Nations development program) while in the refugee camps. As a refugee community, training is essential in providing resources, knowledge, and experience within the agricultural life to expand self-sustainability and betterment for the community of color. If selected for this grant, it will help maintain eight acres and more land lease while preparing seasonal farmers to buy essential proper agricultural equipment to



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effectively grow more organic produce to feed communities of color and low income in large quantities.

Blanchet House of Hospitality: Blanchet House is requesting funding for its Student Ambassador program. The program's mission is to engage and inspire students to become more involved in their community in a way that fosters positive social change. As ambassadors, students will volunteer, host events, complete projects, and participate in educational opportunities that support the Blanchet House mission. With welcoming the largest cohort of students to date, additional funding will allow for appropriate staff support and resources for the students so they can plan impactful events and design meaningful projects as well as provide the opportunity to increase educational programming. Funding will pay for Ambassador Days at Blanchet Farm (two repeat events due to COVID), where the students will learn about our sustainable farming and food rescue programs and engage in an activity to benefit the farm. Through volunteer service and planned events, students will provide aid to Portland's marginalized communities, giving them direct insights pertaining to matters of equity and social justice. They will also experience how hunger alleviation efforts can reduce food waste and environmental impact. In addition to volunteering, students will participate in dialogue about and complete projects that combine what they are learning about homelessness and food insecurity with climate change advocacy.

Portland Indigenous Marketplace: As we resume to in person marketplaces our need for a few solar powered generators has increased as the number of artists that we serve has increased and outdoor events are safer right now. We also plan to fund a grant writer to ensure that we have the funding needed to continue our regular operations through the next couple of years. We have rent and payroll to cover and a support for a grant writer is crucial for our organization right now.