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Portland Harbor Community Grants Program

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- [Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup](#) 1.92 MB
- [Portland Harbor Grants News Release February 2023](#) 126.06 KB
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April 19, 2023
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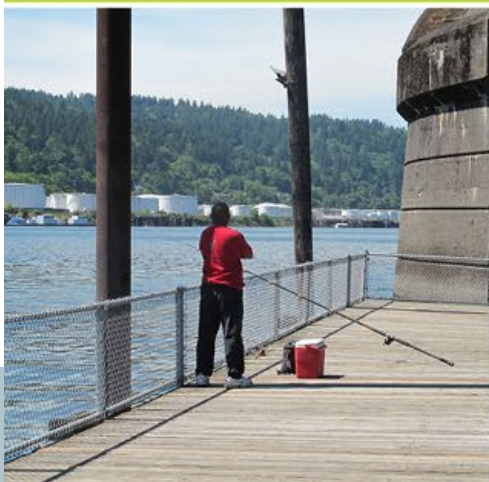
2023 Portland Harbor Community Grants

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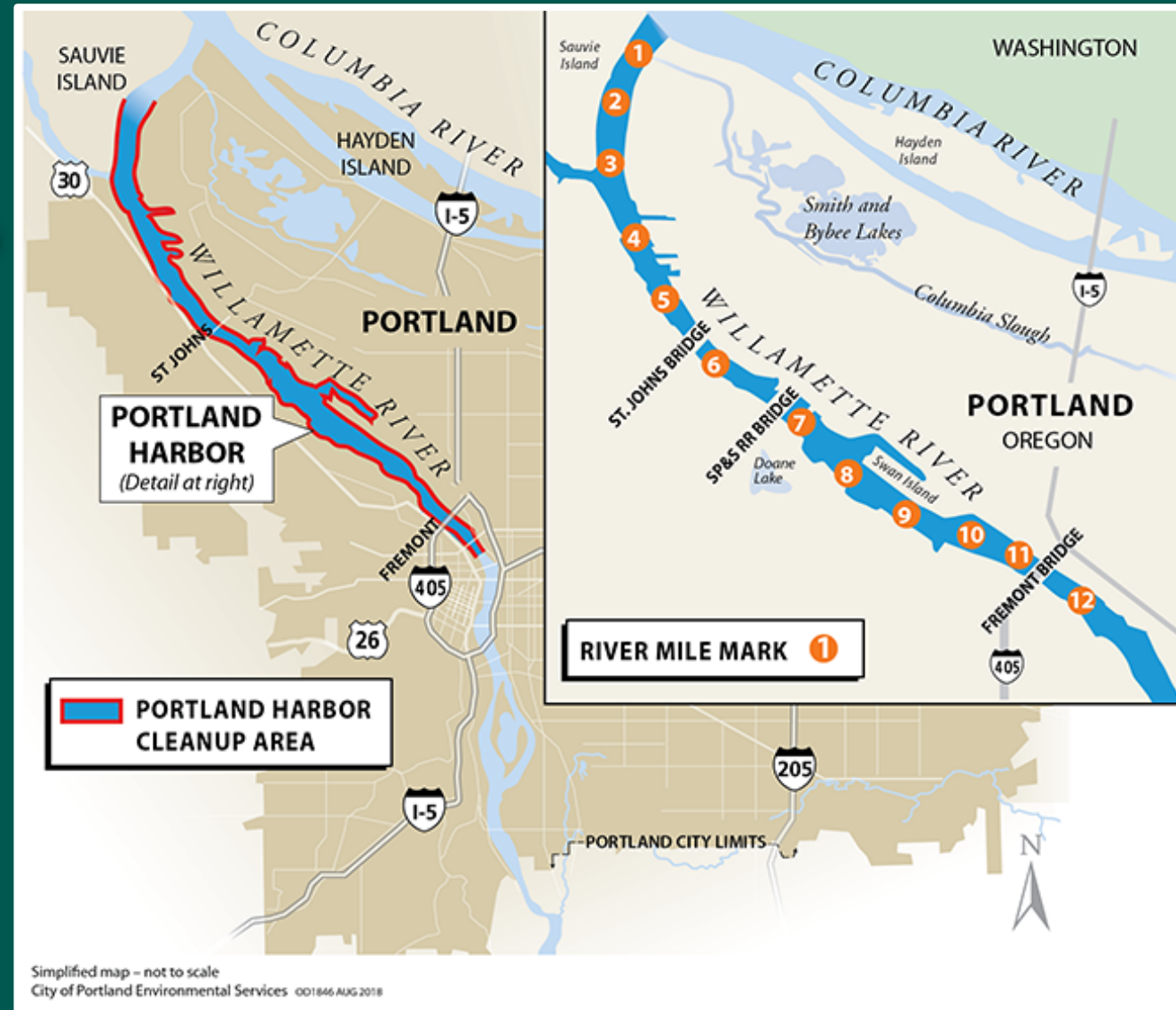
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About Portland Harbor

- 10-mile stretch of the Lower Willamette River
- Harmful contamination in the riverbed
- Contamination from 100+ years of heavy industrial use
- Over 100 parties potentially responsible



Community Involvement is Essential to the Portland Harbor Cleanup

- Elevates community voices in complex process
- Supports transparency
- Builds trust in the cleanup process and results



Noni Causey of Black Education Achievement Movement (BEAM) talking with North Portland neighbors about what BEAM youth learned about the Portland Harbor Superfund.

Portland Harbor Community Involvement Program Goals

1

Support meaningful involvement of Superfund-impacted communities that results in greater public participation in the cleanup process and community informed decision-making.

2

Increase Portlanders' understanding of the Superfund cleanup process.

3

Support transparency, ongoing communication, and collaboration among public entities and Superfund-affected communities.

4

Increase the public's access to Portland Harbor Superfund-related information.



Review Panel

- Diverse 10-person panel of community and government representatives
- Reviewed 13 applications, a total of \$700K in requests
- Deliberative process using consensus-based decision-making
- Rubric to assess:
 - Alignment with program goals
 - Leadership and involvement of Superfund-affected communities
 - Anticipated outcomes, benefits, and impacts
- Held conversations with selected applicants to inform decision-making



"The community grant review committee did a good job centering equity and BIPOC voice. Continue relying on their insights."

Applicant Support Throughout the Process

- Engaged 192 community and government contacts
- Outreach to organizations serving Superfund-affected communities
- Call for applications and grant reviewers shared within networks by email, newsletters, meeting announcements, and social media
- Two virtual information sessions
- On-call support for applicants



“We love the priority and focus on BIPOC and look forward to applying again should funding continue to be available. We have seen one-time funding come around, particularly during COVID-19 and civic unrest, but once a project is completed, and the funds are no longer available, it makes it difficult to build on the work.”

2023 Grantees

- Nine organizations
- \$481,837
- 90% led by and for BIPOC communities or involve deep partnerships with and benefits for BIPOC communities
- 30% of funded projects are Native-led



**PORTLAND
HARBOR
COMMUNITY
COALITION**

\$37,500



\$25,600



\$50,000



\$62,000

Ecotrust

\$75,000



ELSO

\$74,600



BLUEPRINT

\$74,600



Lower Columbia
**Estuary
Partnership**

\$32,537



\$50,000

Nesika Wilamut
WHERE PEOPLE AND RIVERS MEET

Funded Projects Include

- STEM education with an environmental justice lens
- Educational canoe paddles through the Superfund
- Culturally specific-events that emphasize environmental stewardship
- Communications about long-term health risks of eating resident fish/shellfish
- Workforce development



Guest Speakers



Jason Stroman
Program Director
The Blueprint Foundation



Ericka Harrison
Wayfinder Camp Administrator
ELSO, Inc.



Teresa Gaddy
Program Manager
Ecotrust, Green Workforce Collaborative

Thank you!



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