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Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods announces: Neighborhoods Small Grants Awards

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Board of Directors endorsed 14 awards to neighborhood associations and community-based organizations through its 2010 Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Neighborhoods Small Grants Program at their Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The Directors accepted the recommendation of the Neighborhood Small Grants Review Committee and approved the release of \$21,413 in funds to support community building projects that utilize partnerships and engage new and diverse members in the Coalition area.

For the fourth year, the City of Portland has allocated approximately \$200,000 citywide for the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program. This program was developed to support neighborhood and community-based organizations providing an opportunity to build community, attract new and diverse membership, and sustain those already involved in their organizations. Grant funds are distributed through the city's seven neighborhood district coalition offices. By the November 2nd deadline, the NE Coalition awarded thirty-two grant proposals were received, requesting a total of \$109,684.

In addition to the overall program guidelines, the Northeast Coalitions' grant program identified preferred use of funds for projects that helped to build capacity in the neighborhood system, showed partnerships between neighborhood associations and under-represented communities and/or community-based organizations that support those populations and projects that helped to engage people of color, immigrants and refugees, renters, low-income residents, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/queer residents, or people with disabilities in the civic life of their neighborhoods.

The following neighborhood associations and community-based groups were awarded small grants (in alphabetical order):

1. Big Brothers, Big Sisters Columbia NW, African-American Male Outreach: Funds will be used to recruit African American men from N/NE Portland to serve as volunteer mentors for at-risk boys in the neighborhood. This will include a neighborhood recruiting event and door-to-door outreach campaign.
2. Boise Neighborhood Association, The Boise Neighborhood Collaborative Communications Project: Funds will be used to build dialogue and collaboration between the BNA, Boise-Eliot Elementary, other interested neighborhood schools (including AYOP), residents and businesses within the community.
3. Chess for Success, Chess for Success After-School Program: Funds will be used to provide after-school chess clubs in 6 elementary schools in NE Portland.
4. Eliot Neighborhood Association, Eliot Oral History Project: Funds will be used to implement an on-going program that gives the Boise-Eliot middle school the task of collecting, documenting and sharing neighborhood history through an active engagement of students with neighborhood residents
5. Humboldt Neighborhood Association, HNA 2010 Community Outreach Program: Funds will be used to continue an action plan to engage local residences and businesses in HNA. This will include creating a neighborhood database, business resource packet, and community event.
6. Incight, Resources for Self-empowerment: Funds will be used to expand Incight's high school transition program for students with disabilities.

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7. King School PTA, King School Community Garden Project: Funds will be used to create a low maintenance and drought-tolerant garden with year-round interest for King School with King School teachers and students.
8. Mallory Avenue Christian Center, Walls of Pride: African-American Mural Tours: Funds will be used for three tours that celebrate and showcase local African American murals offering an opportunity to examine the contributions of African American artists to the NE Portland community.
9. Marie Smith Center, Marie Smith Center Garden Design Project: Funds will be used to improve the Center's outdoor space. This will include fence updates and building an accessibility ramp and rain shelter to improve horticultural therapy classes.
10. NE Family Cooperative, NE Family Cooperative Outreach Project: Funds will be used to increase the capacity of the NEFC to build larger and more diverse community of local families through targeted marketing.
11. Operation Easy, It's About Time: Funds will be used to engage 30-35 young adults aged 18-30, mostly African-American male through tutoring and mentoring.
12. Sabin Community Association, Sabin Community Orchard: Funds will be used to plant and maintain a community orchard in a grassy public right-of-way at NE Mason between 18th and 19th Avenues. This project will turn the space into a community asset that provides food, education and fellowship to the larger community.
13. Saturday with the Arts, Saturday with the Arts, Phase Two: Funds will be used for phase 2 of SWA which is an introductory, comprehensive Multicultural Fine Arts Program that is dedicated to producing excellence and wholesomeness in the promotion of classical arts.
14. Vernon School, Vernon Garden's Growing, Learning and Eating for our Families' Health: Funds will be used to build an outdoor classroom at Vernon K-8 School to provide an infrastructural base for our educational and outreach activities that they have already initiated with the building of our school/community vegetable garden.

Donations for 2011 projects may be made to the Small Grants Fund via www.necoalition.org.

For more information about the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program, contact Lauren McCartney at lauren@necoalition.org or 503-823-4135.

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, a 501c3 nonprofit corporation, is dedicated to the livability of our inner North and Northeast neighborhoods serving as a district coalition representing twelve neighborhoods with over 60,000 households. Building livable communities since 1974, we are a gathering place, outreach service provider, idea and project incubator, and an information conduit connecting community members to and from agencies and organizations. www.necoalition.org

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