

East Portland Action Plan Small/Medium Grants Application Awards 10.18.09

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Small/Medium Grants Program Fall 2009 cycle received 26 grant applications for a total request of \$164,612. We had \$23,500 to allocate this cycle. Prioritization Criteria established in 2008 that was considered:

Those marked “*” were identified as VERY IMPORTANT.

* Community building projects leading to more community involvement	* Low cost/high impact
* Leverage resources and partners involved in the EPAP process	* Broad visibility
Stepping stone/foundational action that is economically sustainable	Spread out through geographic area
High impact on children and total number of people impacted	Unifying actions
Reflects East Portland’s regional accessibility in the region	“Real things that we can point to”
Does it advance a current issue or opportunity not being addressed now?	Illustrate larger objectives
Does it prevent or mitigate a future problem?	

The five person EPAP Grants Review Committee would have liked to award every dollar requested and is very impressed by the creative and constructive projects available to grace our community when financial support is made available. Given the discrepancy between available funding and funding requests, the EPAP is proud to acknowledge the following projects that will be receiving the following funding allocations from the Fall 2009 cycle of the Small/Medium Grants Program:

Project	Service Area	Requested	Awarded
<p>Urban Farming: The project will bring together Neighborhood activists, gardening and farming experts, and other interested stakeholders to identify opportunities for urban farming in the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood and how best to facilitate and support this activity.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP item: EC.3.1 Identify and develop strategy to remove barriers to small business development in East Portland.</p>	Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood	\$ 670	\$ 670
<p>Vickie Court's Sunrise: The Sunrise project will bring immediate appeal to the neighborhood with public flower planters and hanging baskets that each neighbor partner will be responsible to water, trim, and maintain by meeting together with neighbors to collectively select and plant flowers.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: HD.2.3 Create a housing rehabilitation program to improve the safety and appearance of existing housing stock; NA.1.1; and CB.1.2.</p>	Hazelwood Neighborhood	\$ 740	\$ 740
<p>REACH Youth Photo Voice: During the 2009/10 school year, Alice Ott Middle School students will be participating in various community outreach activities. They will document their experience, reflect on the process, and showcase East Portland by creating a Photo Voice video documenting the community's strengths and assets along with concerns and struggles. Often underrepresented and diverse students will present the video to individuals and groups who have the authority to make decisions that affect their lives.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: CB.5.3 Inventory East Portland's unique assets and create a long-term marketing/media campaign to publicize; CB.1.2; CB.2.2; CB.6.2L.4.1; and L.6.1.</p>	Pleasant Valley + Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhoods	\$1,998	\$1,998

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<p>Graffiti Clean-up: Expansion of the East Portland Graffiti Clean-up program and purchasing of equipment that can be shared with teams across East Portland.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: PS.4.3 Initiate and sustain a targeted graffiti clean-up of key east Portland areas and PS.4.4.</p>	East Portland-wide	\$2,000	\$2,000
<p>ARCO-IRIS Festival*: Bringing a one-day festival with a rainbow of arts and cultures through: Workshops – CubaMix Salsa, Cosinando con la Comadres (Mexican cooking, Samba-Som (Afro-Brazilian dance and percussion; Community Building – Forum Theatre piece “Facing the Challenges of Diversity, an ARCO-IRIS Mural, and a Youth lead activity; Performances – Cuban Salsa band and dance, Azteca Dance, and a Brazilian Show.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: CB.1.3 Create an annual event to celebrate the ethnic cultures of East Portland; CB.3.3; CB.4.4; and CB.5.1</p>	Wilkes, Centennial, + Powellhurst Gilbert Neighborhoods	\$6,950	\$2,500
<p>East Portland Exposition**: Funding support will be provided for the East Portland Exposition (EPO XPO) annual event designed to give East Portland Neighborhoods a venue to come together and celebrate all that we are and to give the rest of Portland insight into what makes us great. It is also a mechanism for numerous community organizations and businesses to conduct outreach, to celebrate our diversity, and to just plain have fun in our community.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: CB.1.2 Engage ethnic communities in neighborhood activities; provide translation/language services to remove barriers; improve messaging and invitations; CB.1.3, and CB.1.5</p>	East Portland-wide	\$7,000	\$3,500

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<p>Centennial Education for Healthy Living: We will provide a health fair; educational opportunities in nutrition and gardening; and organize Oregon Food Bank East Side Learning Garden volunteer opportunities with Centennial families.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: CB.6.2 Develop and implement outreach program to residents typically underrepresented in East Portland neighborhood associations: renters, youth, disabled, diverse race and ethnicities, etc.; SN.5.2; SN.6.2; CB.1.2; and CB.4.1,2,4.</p>	Centennial School District Portland Schools	\$6,775	\$4,000
<p>Latino Safety Promoters (Promotores de Seguridad): El Programa Hispano will organize and carry out intensive Spanish-language training workshops that will include presentations from the Multnomah County District Attorney’s office and East Portland Police officers. The trainings will also include a presentation by El Programa gang prevention staff, including a community leadership activity (or “sociodrama”) to encourage participants to organize crime prevention activities in their neighborhoods.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: PS.1.3 Expand community policing outreach to engage non-English/ethnic/minority and faith communities; CB.2.3; PS.1.1; PS.1.2; PS.2.2, 4; PS.3.2; and SN.5.2.</p>	Parkrose + Reynolds School Districts Portland Schools	\$9,775	\$4,000
<p>Solutions Leadership David Douglas High School: Students at David Douglas High School will enroll in the REAP Solutions leadership program to “empower students to take on the identity of ‘leader’ – in their school and in their community – and to see their FUTURE NOW.” Solutions combines school-based and community-based learning opportunities including business literacy activities, entrepreneurial education and projects, civic learning forums, and health/nutrition awareness education and</p>	David Douglas School District	\$9,600	\$4,000

<p>projects. Students will plan and carry out a series of projects.</p> <p>This addresses EPAP items: L.3.2 Develop connections between high school students and higher education and workforce development, such as SUN Schools' business consultants; L.4.1, 2; L.6.3; and L.7.1.</p>			
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