

Kaiser Permanente Community Fund

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Kaiser Permanente Community Fund awards 22 grants in the Pacific Northwest 2012 Fast Facts

The Kaiser Permanente Community Fund (KPCF) at Northwest Health Foundation was established in December 2004 to advance the health of the communities served by Kaiser Permanente Northwest. The fund — a partnership between Kaiser Permanente Northwest and the Northwest Health Foundation — has awarded more than \$22 million in grants to organizations throughout the region.

The fund supports community-driven initiatives to improve the conditions and opportunities that result in a healthier, more equitable region. It is governed by an 11-member advisory board, which requested letters of inquiry from interested organizations within two tracks: capacity-building and implementation. Requests were thoroughly reviewed by the KPCF advisers, the Kaiser Permanente national board, and the Northwest Health Foundation board.

We are pleased to announce the following awards totaling more than \$2.5 million:

Capacity-Building Grants

- **Albina Ministerial Alliance** will engage the African-American faith community in a conversation aimed at reducing stigma around HIV/AIDS and will train community health workers to reach out to at-risk individuals.
Contact: T. Allen Bethel, President; amaalliance@aol.com
- **Children First for Oregon** will enhance the Oregon Foster Youth Connection and support a messaging campaign to change the way child welfare issues are addressed in Oregon.
Contact: Pamela Butler, Child Welfare Policy Manager; pamela@cffo.org
- **Coalition of Communities of Color** will develop a partnership with Metro regional government to develop Metro's equity strategy for race and ethnicity.
Contact: Julia Meier, Director; juliam@nayapdx.org
- **Groundwork Portland** will develop a coalition to ensure that communities most at risk of negative health impacts from Willamette River contaminants influence the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup process.
Contact: Cassie Cohen, Executive Director; cassie@groundworkportland.org
- **Job Growers Incorporated** will develop a pilot program that incorporates cognitive behavioral techniques to address the mental health needs of the long-term unemployed.
Contact: Patricia Grose, Executive Director; pgrose@jobgrowers.com
- **Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network** will engage youths with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder to identify barriers and opportunities for improving the social determinants of health in their communities.
Contact: Tamara Sale, EASA Program Coordinator; tsale@mvbcn.org

- **Multnomah County Health Department** will work with the Native American community in Multnomah County to develop a community action plan to address birth-related health disparities.

Contact: Marc Harris, Health Services Development Administrator; marc.harris@multco.us

- **Oregon Walks** will build capacity for pedestrian advocacy in Washington County, empower the county's Latino community to influence local policymakers, and partner with transportation and land-use planning stakeholders in the county.

Contact: Steph Routh, Executive Director; steph@wpcwalks.org

- **Urban League of Portland** will develop a community health worker training program and a network for integrating the workers into clinical and community health roles.

Contact: Ty Schwoeffermann, Health Equity Organizer; tyschw@ulpdx.org

- **Volunteers of America Oregon** will take advantage of recent health reform coverage changes to help primary care providers adopt intimate partner screening and referral methods in their standard practices.

Contact: Kris Billhardt, Home Free Director; kbillhardt@voaor.org

- **Westside Transportation Alliance** will promote transportation options that will reduce the transportation cost burden and improve health outcomes for low-income suburban workers.

Contact: Heather McCarey, Executive Director; heather@wta-tma.org

Implementation Grants

- **Adelante Mujeres** will reduce levels of individual, familial, and societal violence among Latino immigrant families in Washington County.

Contact: Bridget Cook, Executive Director; bridgetcooke@adelantemujeres.org

- **Center for Intercultural Organizing** will support the involvement of immigrant and refugee communities in advocating for policy change around the built environment in Washington County.

Contact: Kayse Jama, Executive Director; kayse@interculturalorganizing.org

- **Children's Institute** will advance Early Works, a 10-year, early-childhood-education initiative that aims to serve as a platform for statewide policy change. A demonstration project has begun at Earl Boyles Elementary School in Portland.

Contact: Swati Adarkar, President and CEO; swati@childinst.org

- **Cowlitz County Health Department** will work with community partners to assess existing community conditions and to develop and advocate for policy solutions.

Contact: Melissa Taylor, Managing Planner; mtaylor@cwco.org

- **Hacienda Community Development Corporation** will establish a Latino-led market in Southeast Portland to promote economic development and access to healthy food.

Contact: Courtney Trezise, Fund Development Coordinator; ctrezise@haciendacdc.org

- **Marion-Polk Food Share** will expand access to community and school gardens in low-income neighborhoods in Salem and Keizer, develop at least one healthy food microenterprise, and expand nutrition education programs.

Contact: Ian Dixon-McDonald, Community Gardens Director; imcdonald@marionpolkfoodshare.org

- **Momentum Alliance** will create a regional network of 200 youth leaders and give them the capacity to become decision-makers and leaders in their communities to promote educational attainment and the pursuit of career goals.
Contact: Jaime Guzman, Youth Coach; info@momentumalliance.org
- **Northwest Employment Education and Defense Fund** will advocate for policy changes that reduce or eliminate wage theft in Oregon.
Contact: D. Michael Dale, Executive Director; michael@nwjp.org
- **Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.** will expand opportunities for women and people of color to secure family-wage jobs in the construction trades.
Contact: Connie Ashbrook, Executive Director; connie@tradeswomen.net
- **Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon** will advocate for policies to improve financial stability and reduce food insecurity for low-income families.
Contact: Patti Whitney-Wise, Executive Director; patti@oregonhunger.org
- **Partnership for Safety and Justice** will work with coalition partners, the Oregon State Legislature, and the Oregon Department of Justice to implement a justice reinvestment strategy that would direct resources from incarceration to crime prevention programs.
Contact: David Rogers, Executive Director; david@safetyandjustice.org