

2016 Spring Development Investment Grant Recipients

Large Grants

- **Helping Hands** (Tillamook, Clatsop, Lincoln and Yamhill Counties) \$75,000
Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers provide a variety of services to individuals and families in need. Funds from CareOregon will be used for operational support for the Tillamook homeless shelter. This program provides a much needed “housing first” model of service in an area of coastal Oregon that is traditionally underserved with emergency shelter and support services. Grant funds will also support client reentry services. <http://www.helpinghandsreentry.org/>
- **Catholic Charities** (Portland area) \$50,000
Catholic Charities and its partner, Caritas Housing, acquire, renovate and build affordable housing. Funding from CareOregon will be used to hire a full-time Health & Wellness Coordinator to work closely with the residents of fourteen affordable housing properties in the Portland metropolitan area, all of which house CareOregon members. Goals of the project, titled Decreasing Health Costs by Stabilizing Housing and Providing On-Site Health Services, are to retain housing security, prevent the loss of or eviction from housing caused by events such as job loss, physical health issues, mental health issues, or change in household composition, and to improve health outcomes of residents. <http://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/>
- **Clackamas County Social Services** (Portland area) \$75,000
Volunteer Connection, a program of Clackamas County Social Services Division, provides assistance to homebound seniors through the Senior Companion Program. Funds from CareOregon will support expansion of services to Multnomah County in the form of volunteer stipends and part time staffing. The expanded program will recruit 10 Medicare/Medicaid recipients to serve as Companions to residents of affordable housing complexes and CareOregon members in the downtown Portland area. Korean and Mandarin speaking Companions will be specifically recruited as these language communities comprise the largest non-English speaking populations within the impacted housing complexes. <http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/volunteer.html>
- **Living Cully / St. Charles Church** (Portland area) \$50,000
Living Cully and St. Charles Church have partnered to save a number of mobile home trailer parks in NE Portland. The program aims to improve housing stability, assess and repair mobile homes, and organize primarily low-income residents around tenant advocacy. Living Cully represents a coalition of 4 well-established and diverse organizations: Habitat for Humanity, Hacienda CDC, NAYA and Verde. CareOregon funds will support staff time and mobile home repairs. <http://www.livingcully.org/>
- **Portland Homeless Families Solutions** (Portland area) \$50,000
Portland Homeless Families Solutions empowers homeless families with children to get back into housing – and stay there. CareOregon funds will provide support for enhanced housing retention efforts to help 125 homeless families remain in stable housing. The program will hire a Retention Specialist to ensure families with children are able to stay housed and receive the supportive services they need. Portland Homeless Families Solutions is a founding member of the Multnomah County Homeless Family System of Care, a collaboration of 8 agencies working to coordinate housing intake and referral in Multnomah County. <http://pdxhfs.org/>
- **Transition Projects** (Portland area) \$65,000
Transition Projects helps people transition from homelessness to housing in the Portland Metro area. CareOregon funds will support the peer-to-peer health navigator initiative and Mentor program. Transition Projects will expand the number of annual Mentor cohorts which will expand the number of people experiencing homelessness being supported by Mentors. The addition of a health navigator specialist position will elevate and enrich the program through leadership and full-time management. <http://www.tprojects.org/>

2016 Spring Capacity Investment Grant Recipients

Mid-size Grants

- **Rogue Retreat** (So. Oregon) \$20,000
Rogue Retreat gives hope to the homeless through affordable housing, case management and life skills training. CareOregon funds will go toward the Tiny Housing project, Hope Village, and be used for an on-site restroom and laundry trailer. Hope Village will provide an opportunity for Rogue Retreat case management staff to meet weekly with homeless men, women and couples to help them work on permanent ways to get off the streets, address their individual barriers and transition back into society. This will be accomplished thru providing safe and stable shelter in a small community of tiny houses that will be under the oversight of Rogue Retreat and self-governed by the residents of the village. <http://www.rogueretreat.org/>
- **Street Roots** (Metro) \$20,000
Street Roots creates income opportunities for people experiencing homelessness and poverty by producing a newspaper and other media that are catalysts for individual and social change. CareOregon funds will provide Vendor support and East County expansion. The expanded Vendor program aims to prepare more vendors to be income-ready for housing by providing additional sales locations and other supports for their personal success. <http://streetroots.org/>
- **Rose Haven** (Metro) \$20,000
Rose Haven serves women and children experiencing the trauma of abuse, loss of home and other disruptive life challenges. Rose Haven's mission is to maintain a safe, respectful community while providing our guests with support and services to assist them in regaining stability in their lives. CareOregon funds will support Rose Haven's client Advocacy program providing immediate services, referrals and compassionate listening to those in need. During one-on-one visits, advocates address the unique needs of each individual. In addition, advocates allocate modest financial support for housing, legal, and medical issues. Advocates also provide assistance with budgeting, resume writing, and employment to provide long-term solutions to their immediate needs. <http://rosehaven.org/>
- **Momentum Alliance** (Metro) \$15,000
Momentum Alliance is a youth-led nonprofit, with experienced coaches, whose mission is to inspire young people to realize their power individually and collectively and to mentor future social justice leaders. CareOregon funds will go to youth stipends, direct assistance and food and nutrition support for our Student Alliance Project (SAP) program, which improves social determinants of health for underrepresented young people. SAP is a free, year-round leadership program for young people ages 14-23 who want to build trust, confidence, resilience and health; increase their educational and income levels; and learn and practice leadership and advocacy skills while building alliances and friendships with youth from incredibly diverse backgrounds. <http://www.momentumalliance.org/>
- **Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health** (Statewide) \$12,000
OFRH is dedicated to improving access to comprehensive reproductive health care, such as preventing unintended pregnancy and planning healthy families, and is committed to advancing reproductive rights and advocating for reproductive health equity in all Oregon communities. CareOregon funding will be used to support listening sessions focused on One Key Question (OKQ) and a 12 month advisory group to inform future reproductive health and comprehensive women's health programming and advocacy. <http://www.orfrh.org/>
- **Bridgeworks** (Statewide) \$10,000
Bridgeworks Oregon was created to promote the ethical reuse of durable medical equipment by focusing on equipment safety, functional appropriateness, and increased availability for individuals. CareOregon funds will be used for the development of an economically viable business plan to expand the repurposing program through potential additional CareOregon support through the Primary Care Investment Fund. <http://www.ordme.org/>

- **Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine** (Metro) \$10,000
 The Founders Clinic, located in Oregon City, is the first free clinic in Clackamas County. Opened in February 2012, patients are served Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings by volunteer medical professionals. Services are provided free of charge to those who qualify. Funding from CareOregon will directly support the overall healthcare provided to CVIM patients and specifically fund the costs of the EMR interface with Legacy Health Systems and patient services. Funds will go towards related medical software and expenses for the Clinic to manage and update the database, while also ensuring CVIM volunteers are properly trained to operate it. This will also include upgrades and licensing for the Amazing Charts Lab Interface and the “I&R” services offered to support patients in finding affordable living solutions and resources. <http://clackamasvim.org/>
- **Southwest Community Health Center** (Metro) \$10,000
 SW Community Health Center works to ensure quality health services to those lacking insurance and adequate resources to access necessary care. They operate two safety-net clinics providing health services in a safe, reassuring and culturally sensitive manner. CareOregon funds will support the implementation of Electronic Medical Records. SWCHC is working with Providence Community Connect to integrate SWCHC into their EPIC EMR system. <http://swchc-pdx.org/>
- **Clackamas County Juvenile Department/ GREEN Corps Fresh Start Program** (Metro) \$5,095
 Clackamas County Juvenile Department’s GREEN Corps Fresh Start program is an employment training program for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The program focuses on four program areas: horticulture, customer and food service, bicycle repair, and forestry. Participants work within program areas to develop specific job skills, earn college credit and build a job portfolio. CareOregon funding will increase staff time and provide educational stipends and supplies. <http://www.clackamas.us/juvenile/>
- **Janus Youth Programs – Village Gardens** (Metro) \$2,000
 Village Gardens brings a spirit of hope to people by growing and sharing healthy food, learning and teaching skills, and empowering community leadership. Workgroup members felt strongly about supporting this program and recommended funding a component of the project that would be otherwise difficult to raise funds for. Village Market, a non-profit grocery store and program component of Village Gardens sells youth grown produce. Village Market will grow the Good Food Program membership to reach more SNAP eligible families and children through \$5 Veggie Buck distributions. CareOregon funds will be used to print and distribute the Veggie Bucks, intended to positively impact community members’ food choices. <https://villagegardens.org/>