Community Benefit Fall 2016 Funding Round

DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANTS (up to $100,000)
Priority Focus: ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)

$80,000  Family Nurturing Center (Jackson County)
$65,000  Lutheran Community Services (Portland area)
$53,000  Columbia Service Center / NW Reg. Education Service District (Columbia County)
$50,000  Black Parent Initiative (Portland area)
$50,000  Pathfinders of Oregon (Portland area)
$37,000  Connect the Dots Clatsop County (Clatsop County)

CAPACITY INVESTMENT GRANTS (up to $20,000)
Focus areas: Core Focus Areas (Children, Members, CHIPs, Social Determinants of Health)

$20,000  Metropolitan Family Services (Portland area)
$15,000  Clackamas Service Center (Portland area)
$15,000  Clackamas Women’s Services (Portland area)
$10,000  WinterSpring (Jackson County)
$10,000  p:ear (Portland area)
$10,000  Cityteam Ministries (Portland area)
$10,000  Ecumenical ministries of Oregon (Portland area)
$10,000  Active Children Portland (Portland area)
$9,672   Tillamook School District (Tillamook County)
$5,000   Black United Fund of Oregon (Portland area / Statewide)
$5,000   St. Andrew’s Nativity School (Portland area)
$5,000   Spect-Actors Collective, Latino Doulas program (Portland area)

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENTS (up to $100,000)

**Family Nurturing Center (Jackson County)**  $80,000

*Project Description:* Family Support Program – The Family Nurturing Center (FNC), Rogue Valley Children's Relief Nursery, is a family support agency serving our community's highest-risk families with children birth through age five. Our mission is to strengthen families so that children can live safely and develop fully in their parents' care. To accomplish this, we provide an array of services including therapeutic early childhood classes, care coordination, home visitation, parenting support, referrals, crisis support, and mental health services. Our goal is to prevent child maltreatment, break intergenerational patterns of abuse and neglect, reduce the impact of childhood trauma, and support the development of stable, strong families who are able to keep their children safe and thriving at home. Funds will support a comprehensive family support program that is responsive to the unique needs of families experiencing significant challenges and risk factors.

**Lutheran Community Services (Portland area)**  $65,000
**Project Description: Refugee Family Resiliency Program** – The Refugee Family Resiliency Program (RFRP) will fill a gap by offering intensive in-home visiting services and community-based Parenting Adjustment Support Groups for the most vulnerable refugees in our community with the aim of reducing the impacts of prior trauma. The RFRP is unique in that it proposes to work with families for up to 6 months (24 weeks) to help address the multiple barriers refugees encounter (language, literacy, education on US systems and laws, etc.). LCSNW will hire one full-time Masters-level mental health provider as a Family Support Specialist who will work with a caseload of 15 families and around 45 individuals that are selected for the program due to risk factors. The Family Support Specialist will spend a minimum of three hours for up to 24 weeks with families in their homes providing intensive case management, parenting education, child development education and promotion, family counseling and healthcare navigation. LCSNW will seek a bicultural/bilingual candidate for this position as relationship and trust building and the ability to work across cultures is a cornerstone of this program.

**Columbia Service Center / NW Reg. Education Service District (Columbia County)** $53,000

**Project Description:** Columbia County ACEs and TIC Learning Collaborative – In partnership with the communities we serve, it is the mission of the Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESD) to improve student learning by providing equitable access to high-quality services and support. Our values focus on equity, student success, partnership, and innovative service. The NW Regional ESD works collaboratively with the superintendents of the five school districts in Columbia County to provide a healthy, safe, and educationally sound learning environments for all children. Funds will support the year-long collaborative learning process including meeting costs and materials, program coordination, meeting facilitation, report writing, travel to site visits, and presenters/consultants to share best practice and research around ACEs and TIC.

**Black Parent Initiative (Portland area)** $50,000

Project Description: 2017 Pre-Birth through First 1000 Days Initiative – The mission of the Black Parent Initiative (BPI) is to educate and mobilize the parents and caregivers of Black and multi-ethnic children to ensure they achieve success. Our fundamental belief is that, to positively influence our children’s learning and success, we must both help parents stabilize their families and instill a new ethic of self-reliance, empowerment, voice and determination within our families. BPI has been a culturally specific organization serving African Americans since our founding in 2006. CareOregon funds will cover expanded operating expenses for home visiting staff, the Black Family Resource Coordinator and stipends for community mentors.

**Pathfinders of Oregon (Portland area)** $50,000

**Project Description:** Building Resilience in Children and their Families with Criminal Justice Involvement – Pathfinders was founded in 1993 with a mission to break the cycle of criminality. Pathfinders’ overall goals are to help criminal justice-involved adults and at-risk youth gain the skills and supports they need to avoid entering, or re-entering, the corrections system, and to
strengthen families with criminal justice involvement to support a brighter future for their children. Traumatic experiences continue after parental incarceration, with family stressors including decreased income, more frequent homelessness, and family instability. CareOregon funds will support delivery and expansion of services at the Center for Family Success.

**Connect the Dots Clatsop County (Clatsop County)**

$37,000

**Project Description:** Clatsop County School Districts, Trauma Informed Care Professional Learning Collaborative – The Clatsop County Way to Wellville Strategic Advisory Council and its fiscal agent, Connect The Dots Clatsop County, supports the improvement and development of networks throughout the county to increase access to and use of beneficial services, activities and resources to improve the health of Clatsop county residents. CareOregon funds will support a year-long learning process including meeting costs and materials, program coordination, meeting facilitation, report writing, real time content evaluation, travel to site visits, and presenters/consultants to share best practice and research around ACEs and Trauma Informed Care.

**Capacity Investment Grants (up to $20,000)**

**Metropolitan Family Service (Portland area)**

$20,000

**Project Description:** Ready, Set, Go: Social Determinants of Health Business Process Improvement and Data Development. MFS will improve its program impacts and sustainability by using and organizing data and data-driven solutions to better assess and address Social Determinants of Health and Adverse Childhood Experiences. Key to this effort is demonstrating how a Community Based Organization can effectively partner with and supply health systems with interventions and data that are actionable and relevant to the goals and aims of the health care sector in improving health promotion and health equity. Goals include creating a SDH screening tool.

**Clackamas Service Center (Clackamas County)**

$15,000

**Project Description:** Database Improvements: CareOregon will fund the purchase, installation, and configuration of a new database to more effectively capture client, partner, donor, volunteer, program, and staff data, and communicate impact. For 43 years, CSC has continuously advanced its mission to provide basic life assistance, transitional support and resources to individuals and families in Clackamas and Multnomah counties who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Today, CSC is a vibrant, inclusive “one-stop” community campus for Clackamas and Multnomah county residents seeking food, safety, health and stability on their path toward self-sufficiency.

**Clackamas Women’s Services (Clackamas County)**

$15,000

**Project Description:** Camp HOPE Oregon: CareOregon funds will support the salary of mental health counselors at Camp HOPE Oregon and year-round mentoring activities for children who...
have experienced domestic violence to deepen year-round mentoring and support. The mission of Clackamas Women’s Services (CWS) is to foster the empowerment of survivors so they can establish lives free of domestic and sexual violence, thereby breaking the generational cycle of these destructive forces. CWS was incorporated in 1985 as Clackamas County’s first shelter for women and children escaping family violence and domestic abuse.

**WinterSpring (Jackson County)** $10,000

**Project Description:** Young Adult Loss and Grief Support: will meet the unique and often disenfranchised grief of young adults and targets the Community Health Improvement Plan age-range of 18-24 through resources, grief education, and peer-to-peer support groups. WinterSpring helps children, teens and adults, who are experiencing the pain of loss, to embrace life again. WinterSpring offers compassionate phone support, assessment, group grief support, individual peer support, resources, referrals, and education. CareOregon funds to provide general operational support for new programming focusing on young adults.

**p:ear (Portland area)** $10,000

**Project Description:** Safe Space Coordinator: p:ear builds positive relationships with homeless and transitional youth, ages 15-25, through education, art and recreation to affirm personal worth and create more meaningful and healthier lives. p:ear is founded on the belief that empowering and educating youth to achieve their potential will result in a stronger and healthier community. CareOregon funding will support the vibrancy and effectiveness of our new Safe Space Coordinator, p:ear’s navigator.

**CityTeam (Portland area)** $10,000

**Project Description:** Facility Enhancements: Cityteam Portland has been serving the homeless and at-risk in the central eastside for 20 years. In addition to our 26-bed long-term residential drug and alcohol treatment program, we also serve more than 7,000 hot meals each month to the homeless, elderly and food insecure. CareOregon funds will help us complete a series of key capital projects and improvements to our facility, allowing us to serve our mutual clients more effectively. Funds to support full building lighting retrofit.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (Portland area)** $10,000

**Project Description:** METRO HomeShare Program: For 40 years EMO has played a leadership role in stabilizing the lives of low-income and marginalized people in Oregon. Support for HomeShare seed funding. CareOregon funds will support 1st year program manager position. HomeShare leverages current homeowenership to offer immediate, long-term affordable housing in a "HomeShare" model.

**Active Children Portland (Portland area)** $10,000

**Project Description:** After School Programming: Active Children Portland’s mission is to empower students to lead healthy lives, succeed academically, and inspire positive community
engagement. We believe that taking a holistic and comprehensive approach to youth development, and by focusing on the kids that need it the most, we can make a positive impact on the next generation. Funds from CareOregon will be used specifically to recruit and hire coaches from the underserved communities we serve.

**Tillamook School District 9 Foundation (Tillamook County)**

Tillamook ACES Initiative: Discover Program. Tillamook School District is contracting with the Discovery Program to provide an on-site, 4-day intensive workshop during August 2017. Registration for the workshop is $650 per person. District funds will support 30 participants. CareOregon funds will support attendance for 12 additional staff members and related costs.

**Black United Fund of Oregon (Portland area/Statewide)**

Project Description: Building Organizational Capacity to Increase Equitable Opportunities for People of Color: The Black United Fund of Oregon (BUF) serves Oregon’s communities of color through its mission to “assist in the social and economic development of Oregon’s low-income communities and to contribute to a broader understanding of ethnic and culturally-diverse groups.” Black United Fund’s Mentor4Success program was created in response to low-income and minority students reporting that they felt uninformed about scholarship opportunities, financial aid, and the college enrollment application process in general. CareOregon funds will increase the capacity of the Mentor4Success program via enhanced volunteer recruitment, increased staff time, refined outcome measurement tools, and increased fund development.

**St. Andrew's Nativity School (Portland area)**

Project Description: Chrome Book Purchase: St. Andrew’s Nativity School is the only tuition-free, private school in the state of Oregon exclusively serving children from low-income backgrounds. 60% of students at St. Andrew’s families are on Medicaid or Medicare. Students come from households where the chances of experiencing childhood trauma of some sort are statistically high. Due to a number of factors—cultural norms, poverty, poor coping skills, alcohol or substance abuse and a lack of access to trusted social and other services—many parents are hesitant to seek outside assistance to address negative personal and family conditions, leaving students with little support. By addressing social determinants of health at an early age and in students through Cura Personalis (Care of the Whole Person) course work, Nativity is working to defy the mental and physical health statistic that loom over the children we serve. Funds from CareOregon will support the purchase of Chromebooks to deliver the coursework.

**Spect-Actors Collective (Portland area)**

Project Description: Doulas Latinas (LADO) program: Doulas Latinas (DL) is a program of Spect-Actors Collective (SC), a community based organization founded in 2006 to organize and educate Latino immigrant workers about institutional and intersecting oppressions and tools for dismantling them. SC has a history of creating programs and sharing resources to meet the
needs of our communities using leadership development, education and action for policy and system changes that reduce racial and ethnic disparities and improve health equity, birth outcomes and economic justice. Funds will enhance the capacity of DL to train and certify culturally and linguistically competent doulas and community leaders to support and empower Oregon Latina pregnant mothers and families during their childbirth year.