With more than $1 million in grants in 2015, the PGE Foundation is committed to helping Oregonians improve their lives today and encouraging hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Inspired by the growing recognition that hands-on learning opportunities are key to student success, the PGE Foundation is committed to providing experiences for thousands of students across the region to unleash their curiosity, creativity and connectedness. That’s why we invest in education and workforce development programs centered on career technical, science, technology, engineering and math, as well as arts education. We also focus on prevention programs that strengthen the stability of families, recognizing that individual and community prosperity is only possible when basic needs, such as food and housing, are sustained.

We value diversity and inclusion in our grantmaking with about half of the dollars distributed by the foundation going for programs that support communities of color.

Detailed grant list at: PGEFoundation.org/2015Grants

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EDUCATION
Improving student outcomes through hands-on STEM education and workforce development

As the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric, we see firsthand how applied learning experiences in career technical science, technology, engineering and math are making a difference in preparing young people for college and the world of work. We focus our funding on middle and high school, workforce-readiness and college-level programs with success in improving student achievement, technical know-how and the soft skills needed in today’s workplace.

100% GRADUATION RATE
Impact NW Pathways to Manufacturing’s Mobile Fab Lab and an on-site Makerspace was successful in a 100 percent high school graduation rate for those who participated, with 79 percent of them going into a formal internship program, 26 percent going on to a job in manufacturing, and 13 percent going on to post-secondary education.

$25,000+
All Hands Raised
Better Together Central Oregon
Impact NW
Institute for Youth Success
Oregon Alliance
Oregon Business Council Charitable Institute — Oregon Learns
OSU Foundation
Portland Community College Foundation — Future Connect
Reynolds Education Foundation
Salem-Keizer Education Foundation — Career Technical Education Center
Urban League of Portland

$10,000+
Camp Fire USA Columbia Council
ChickTech
College Possible

Foundations for a Better Oregon
Friends of the Children
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
Latino Network
Marathon Education Partners
New City Initiative
Open School
Oregon Building Congress
Oregon Humanities

$5,000+
Adelente Mujeres
Dress for Success Oregon
Elevate Oregon
Friends of Saturday Academy
Portland Youthbuilders
Less than $5,000
OMSI
Portland State University Foundation
ARTS EDUCATION
Fostering creativity through arts and culture

When children express themselves through music, dance, theatre, or visual art, they engage all their senses in an exercise of intense, focused problem-solving. We fund arts and culture experiences in our community because they foster critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration — skills highly valued by employers. The arts also help us connect with ourselves and others by understanding and appreciating different perspectives and cultures.

INNOVATION & CRITICAL THINKING

Native American students in the A. Susana Santos’ Journeys in Creativity program at the Oregon College of Art and Craft use material exploration, innovation and critical thinking to gain insight into their own creative process while perpetuating contemporary Native American art and craft.

SAFE & HEALTHY FAMILIES
Caring for the safety and stability of families

We care about the people of Oregon, which drives our commitment to helping families overcome barriers and improve their quality of life, safety and self-sufficiency. With the belief that stability begins with a safe place to sleep, nutritious food to eat and a nurturing community, the PGE Foundation distributed more than $300,000 in 2015 to collaborative efforts by nonprofits to provide housing, food and wrap-around services. Our support included two standout capital projects in high-poverty communities: Central City Concern’s Clackamas Town Center Courtyards and NAYA Family Center’s Generations.

In 2015, we exceeded our goal of 40%, giving nearly half of all PGE Foundation grant dollars to support communities of color.

49% SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

COMMUNITY 101

$50,000
Community 101 is the student leadership program created by the PGE Foundation in 1997 and now administered by the Oregon Community Foundation.