20 YEARS, $20 MILLION

For 20 years, our line of sight has been clear: improve the quality of life for Oregonians.

We’ve invested more than $20 million in organizations that understand how to grow, sustain and support prosperous communities. These organizations focus on improving student achievement, integrating arts education and promoting family stability.

Their programs are front and center when a local student becomes the first to graduate in her family; when a teacher discovers the power of the arts to engage his students; and when a displaced veteran finds safe and secure housing to support his family.

It’s through this great work of our partner organizations that we are able to contribute to a stronger Oregon.

PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

Against the backdrop of our state’s beautiful landscapes and pioneering spirit, Oregon is fighting a stark, persistent battle with homelessness.

We can’t be complacent when we know people in our community are experiencing poverty, hunger, homelessness and joblessness, and we’re fortunate to have committed people in our community working to care for and stabilize families experiencing homelessness.

In honor of our 20th anniversary of grant-giving, we awarded $235,000 to eight organizations that are working to end this crisis.

EDUCATION

Improving student outcomes through hands-on CTE-STEM programs and workforce development

Education is the foundation of a healthy community and growing economy. The organizations we support provide pathways for students beginning in middle school to pursue higher education through career technical education (CTE) and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs, so they can develop career skills and graduate with lifelong tools for success in a fast-changing world of work.

$145,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

We awarded more than $145,000 in scholarships to 47 students pursuing post-secondary career technical and STEM education. That brings our five-year investment in CTE-STEM programs to more than $450,000.

$25,000+

Better Together Central Oregon Concordia University — 3 to PhD Impact NW Marathon Education Partners, Inc. MECOP, Inc. Open School Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities Oregon Business Council Charitable Institute Oregon State University Foundation Portland Community College Foundation, Inc. — Future Connect PSU Foundation

$10,000+

Arroyo Science for Kids Camp Fire USA Columbia Council College Possible Community Transitional School Constructing Hope Elevate Oregon Foundations for a Better Oregon — Chalkboard Project Friends of Saturday Academy Friends of the Children — Portland Latino Network Oregon Tech Foundation REAP, Inc. Stand for Children

$5,000+

David Douglas Educational Foundation Greater Than Oregon MESA

COMMITTED TO EQUITY

During the last year, our understanding of equity has broadened. We’ve now set a more deliberate course to champion values that embrace diversity, inclusion and equity.

We’ve just starting on this journey and felt it was important to craft an equity statement that solidifies our commitment to our communities who face steep and systemic barriers based on race, social, economic and geographic inequalities.

Today, more than 50 percent of our dollars go to programs serving communities of color.

Working together with our community members, partners and friends, we are committed to using our time and resources to help eliminate disparities and create an equitable society where all people can reach their full potential.

To help ensure equitable outcomes, the PGE Foundation will:

• Apply an equity lens in our grantmaking and operations.
• Partner with others to acknowledge and eliminate racial, social and economic disparities in both urban and rural communities.
• Deepen our understanding of and support policies and practices to advance equity, diversity and inclusion.
• Engage a board and staff who reflect the diversity of the areas we serve.
• Convene and collaborate on efforts to promote equity.

$1,166,824 TOTAL IN GRANTS

41% Education
35% Safe & Stable Families
21% Arts Education
3% Community 101

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

The safety and stability of Oregon families remains a major priority for us, because a consistent home environment and economic security are essential to helping children grow and thrive. That’s why support was increased this year for organizations that understand the challenges of homelessness and provide prevention programs that give families the tools and resources to combat food insecurity, sustain mental wellness and foster parent engagement.

46% OF DOLLARS GRANTED SUPPORTED ARTS INTEGRATED INTO CURRICULUM

Grant recipient Regional Arts and Culture Council oversees a program that integrates arts and culture into public school curriculum through The Right Brain Initiative. This program trains teachers on integrating the arts with other subjects through workshops, residencies with professional teaching artists and on-site coaching.

$23,000,000 IN GRANTS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS

Central City Concern received $100,000 — our largest single grant in 2017 — for its Housing is Health initiative. This initiative is in the process of building 379 units of new affordable housing across three locations in North and East Portland. One facility will include an integrated medical clinic with mental illness and drug addiction support.

ARTS EDUCATION
Fostering creativity through arts and culture

The arts play an important role in shaping today’s students into tomorrow’s innovators, leaders and world-changers. A creative spirit is critical to a vibrant community and thriving economy. Our future depends on lifelong learners and problem solvers, which is why the arts and culture programs we fund encourage children to develop skills like critical thinking, collaboration and self-confidence.

$25,000+
Adelante Mujeres
Central City Concern
Human Solutions
New Arienas for Youth
Northeast Housing Alternatives
Transition Projects

$10,000+
Alberta Kerr Centers Foundation
Black Parent Initiative
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Friends of Zenger Farms
Growing Gardens
JOIN
Kids Intervention & Diagnostic Service Center
LifeWorks NW
Oregon Food Bank
Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
Pathfinders of Oregon
Portland Homemakers Family Solutions
The Salvation Army
Trillium Family Services

$5,000+
Arts Council of Pendleton
Bag and Baggage Productions
Know Your City
Northwest Film Center
Oregon East Symphony, Inc.
Oregon Humanities
Salem Art Association
Sisters Folk Festival, Inc.
Write Around Portland

$5,000+
Arts Council of Pendleton
Bag and Baggage Productions
Know Your City
Oregon East Symphony, Inc.
Oregon Humanities
Salem Art Association
Sisters Folk Festival, Inc.
Write Around Portland

$25,000+
Japanese Garden
Regional Arts & Culture Council — The Right Brain Initiative

$10,000+
Confluences
Literary Arts, Inc.
Metropolitan Youth Symphony
Oregon Ballet Theatre
Oregon Black Pioneers
Oregon Children’s Theatre Company
Portland Art Museum
Portland Center Stage
Portland Opera Association, Inc.
Portland Playhouse
The August Wilson Red Door Project
White Bird

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The PGE Foundation is the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric. It was founded in 1997 with an endowment designed to last in perpetuity to improve the quality of life for Oregonians. Since then, the PGE Foundation has awarded more than 1,700 grants totaling $20.3 million.

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