A YEAR FOCUSED ON YOUTH

In 2018, the PGE Foundation focused our education investments on hands-on applied learning through career technical education and science, technology, engineering and math programs that prepare young people for the changing world of work.

As the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric, we see firsthand the value of experiential learning in developing a future workforce that is agile, innovative, collaborative and resilient. And we recognize the incredible dedication of teachers and mentors who engage their students through career-connected learning, including arts and culture programs offering young people a chance to express their own creativity, develop their unique identities and appreciate diverse perspectives. We also know that to succeed in school, every student needs stability, so we continue to work with community partners providing families with housing, food, mental health support and family services.

With more than $1137,000 in grants to 96 organizations serving urban and rural communities, including many culturally specific and culturally responsive nonprofits, we continue to strive for a more equitable Oregon where every person can reach their full potential. We invite you to learn more by visiting our recently refreshed web site at pgefoundation.org.

EDUCATION

Improving student outcomes through hands-on learning and workforce development

We believe well-rounded education is the cornerstone of individual success and community vitality. That’s why we support experiential learning programs that help students develop critical thinking skills and get a sense of what’s possible in the real world. With more than $200,000 in grants to CTE-STEM programs, we honor the innovative teaching methods and community programs that create hands-on learning opportunities for young people. These programs help Oregon youth discover who they are and what they’re good at, so they can find clear pathways for the future.

DOUBLED FUNDING FOR CTE-STEM PROGRAMS OVER FIVE YEARS

OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

In collaboration with our community partners, we continue to listen, learn, and take steps toward more equitable outcomes for people in our community who have been disproportionately affected by systemic and institutional barriers. While we have much more work and learning to do, we have been intentional about reflecting our values of diversity, equity and inclusion in our grant-making process, policies and decisions, including:

• Putting a stronger emphasis on funding culturally specific and responsive organizations serving communities of color. Today, more than 53% of our dollar’s support programs serving communities of color.

• Revising our application and impact report questions in order to learn more about the progress and challenges community organizations experience with respect to their equity journey and community engagement.

• Assessing the racial and ethnic diversity of our board of directors and staff, which we’re pleased to report currently reflects the demographic makeup of communities in Oregon where we fund.

• Reviewing and updating content on our website, annual report and other communications using our equity lens.

Above: Caldera, a year-round creative catalyst for the transformation of youth.

Left: Airway Science for Kids, creating equity through aviation STEM education. Right: On Track OHSU! inspiring that “aha” moment for a new, diverse generation of health science professionals.

Doubled funding for CTE-STEM programs over five years

Grants by focus area

- 45% Education
- 23% Arts education
- 29% Safe and stable families
- 3% Community 101

$1,137,579 TOTAL IN GRANTS

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ARTS EDUCATION
Fostering creative expression in youth

Through creative experiences, young people not only learn about themselves, they also develop a greater understanding and appreciation of other people, perspectives and cultures. Many of our partners, including Confluences, Museum at Warm Springs, WorldOregon and Miracle Theatre Group, give students cultural awareness that leads to greater self- efficacy, critical thinking and collaboration. Supporting community organizations working to integrate culturally relevant arts experiences into the classroom curriculum is one way we are making a lasting impact on our region’s youth.

$25,000+
Beaverton Arts Foundation.
Pamela Rosier Center for the Arts
Oregon Historical Society
Regional Arts & Culture Council, Right Brain Initiative
The Museum at Warm Springs

$10,000+
Arts Council of Pendleton
Caldera
Confluences

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

Helping families overcome barriers and find pathways out of poverty is at the heart of our mission. When parents have access to housing, food and other services, they can create a safer, more sustainable future for their families. And with more families experiencing mental health challenges, we significantly increased our support for initiatives that focused on kids’ mental wellness and trauma-informed care.

$25,000+
Adelaide Mujeres
Bienestar
Human Solutions
Portland Homeless Family Solutions
United Way of the Columbia-Willamette

$10,000+
Alberni Kerr Centers Foundation
Catholic Charities of Oregon
Children’s Center of Clackamas County
Columbia River Heart Health
Friends of Zenger Farm
Growing Gardens
JOIN
KD’S Center
Marion Polk Food Share
Oregon Food Bank
Portland for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Rose Haven
Self Enhancement, Inc.
Wilken Temple House

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$5,000+
Ethos
Japanese Garden Society of Oregon
Miracle Theatre Group
Northwest Film Center
Oregon College of Art and Craft
Oregon East Symphony
Portland Willesden Read
WorldOregon
Write Around Portland

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$5,000+
Family Building Blocks
Family Resource Center of Central Oregon
Lines for Life
MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
New Avenues for Youth
Proud Ground
Salen Harvest
Volunteers of America Oregon
YWCA of Greater Portland

Community 101

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

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