



FOUNDATION

2019 IMPACT REPORT

Girls Build brings the world of construction to young women around Oregon.

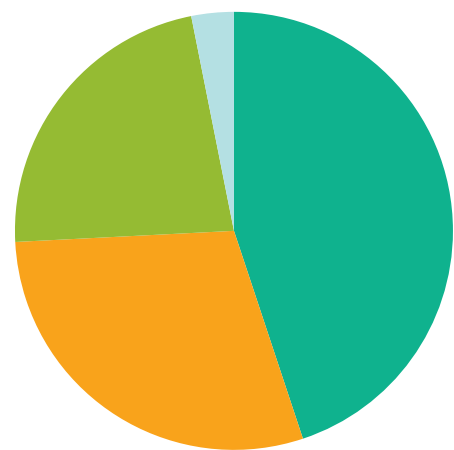
CHANGING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

At the heart of our mission to improve the lives of Oregonians is the vision that every student graduates knowing who they are with the skills to adapt to the fast-changing world of work.

That's why we invest in programs — both in the classroom and outside of school — that provide hands-on learning in career technical education (CTE) and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as arts and culture experiences that foster creative expression and critical thinking.

With \$1,176,102 in grants going to 96 organizations serving urban and rural communities in 2019, including many culturally specific and culturally responsive nonprofits, we're committed to removing barriers to access and creating opportunities for children and families for a more equitable Oregon. We invite you to learn more by visiting pgefoundation.org.

\$1,176,102 TOTAL IN GRANTS



Grants by focus area

- 46% Education
- 29% Safe and Stable Families
- 22% Creative Expression
- 3% Community 101

PGE PROJECT ZERO: A NEW EDUCATION AND GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE

With climate change having a real impact on our community, and today's youth demanding action, we partnered with youth development organizations in 2019 to develop PGE Project Zero, a new initiative to build pathways to climate science education and green jobs founded in part by the PGE Foundation.

Aligned with our strategic emphasis on education and workforce development, we're creating powerful partnerships centered on green job internships and mentoring for young adults, aged 20 to 24, who are ready to work, but need additional support to overcome employment challenges and achieve their dreams. We look forward to sharing more information about PGE Project Zero in the year ahead.

COMMUNITY 101

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



Left and center: STEM education in action at Centro Cultural, promoting personal growth and empowerment for Washington County youth. Right: A Girls Build builder in action!

TRANSFORMING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

We believe students benefit from hands-on applied learning opportunities, which allow them to experiment, practice critical thinking and learn from their mistakes — attributes important in today's dynamic workplace. From construction to coding, we recognize these experiences often take more time, mentoring and enrichment resources, so we've made it a priority to support programs that give youth the chance to learn by doing, building confidence and developing strong relationships along the way.



**SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2019**

Girls Inc. empowers girls to succeed

Last summer Girls Inc. celebrated the first graduating cohort of the Eureka! program, of which an impressive 99% started college this year. Supported by the PGE Foundation since 2015, Eureka! is a five-year program for girls experiencing a range of socio-economic inequities and stereotypes based on gender. Eureka! promotes self-efficacy, confidence, post-secondary college attendance and a pathway to a career in STEM.

EDUCATION GRANTS

\$25,000+

All Hands Raised
Better Together Central Oregon
Friends of the Children Portland
Impact NW
Open School
Oregon Business Council
Charitable Institute
OHSU Foundation
OSU Foundation
PCC Foundation Future Connect
PSU Foundation
The Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities

\$10,000+

College Possible
Oregon MESA
Oregon Tech Foundation
Elevate Oregon
Marathon Scholars
South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership
University of Oregon Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion & Polk Counties
Concordia University 3 to PhD
Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program
Dress for Success Oregon
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
Latino Network
Minds Matter Portland
Oregon Student Voice
Outside In

\$5,000+

Centro Cultural de Washington County
Girls Build
Portland YouthBuilders

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The Right Brain Initiative transforming learning through creative expression.

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF YOUTH THROUGH CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

Ensuring a rich education in and through the arts has tangible benefits to improving educational outcomes. While we tend to focus on appreciating the activity or art form, the educational value to the student is more about their experience navigating the process, emotional development, creative self-expression, and connection with others individually and as a team. That’s why we focus our funding on programs that engage youth in arts learning and provide access to arts experiences, and on programs that partner with schools and educators to integrate arts and creative experiences into the classroom curriculum.

The Right Brain Initiative improves educational outcomes

In 2019, the PGE Foundation made a four-year commitment totaling \$100,000 to the Regional Arts and Culture Council’s The Right Brain Initiative. The program has a proven track record of improving educational outcomes for K-8 students in Multnomah County by providing hands-on arts experiences in the classroom so students learn to be more adaptable and creative critical thinkers and problem solvers.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION GRANTS

\$25,000+

Beaverton Arts Foundation,
Patricia Reser Center for the Arts
Regional Arts & Culture Council
Right Brain Initiative

\$10,000+

Caldera Arts
Confluence Project
Literary Arts
Metropolitan Youth Symphony
Oregon Ballet Theatre
Oregon Children’s Theatre
Oregon Symphony
Portland Art Museum
Portland Center Stage
Portland Opera
Portland Playhouse

Salem Art Association
Young Audiences Arts for Learning
Oregon and SW Washington

\$5,000+

Artichoke Music
Bag & Baggage Productions
Cascade School of Music
Ethos
Milagro Theatre
NW Film Center
Oregon East Symphony
Outside the Frame
World Stage Theatre
WorldOregon
Write Around Portland
Yamhill Enrichment Society



30% OF DOLLARS GRANTED TO ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS SERVE RURAL COMMUNITIES



Farmworker Housing Development Corporation supports families and communities in Woodburn, Oregon.

STRENGTHENING THE RESILIENCY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

For many families in front-line communities, stable housing is critical to staying connected as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. We’re pleased to be part of the communitywide response to addressing homelessness by contributing to a variety of innovative housing projects, as well as supportive service for food insecurity, mental health and parenting education that make a big difference for families and children.



50% OF DOLLARS GRANTED FOR FAMILY STABILITY PROVIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Farmworker Housing Development Corporation helps families build assets

At the core of the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation’s work is the preservation of the Cipriano Ferrel Education Center (CFEC), a core gathering space ensuring that the social, educational and economic opportunities are as accessible and stable as the housing they build. CFEC is a place where residents and community members of all backgrounds feel safe and supported, and where youth, accounting for 55% of the total resident population, navigate resources and begin to build assets, a future path for many of the resident families to break the cycle of poverty.

SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES GRANTS

\$25,000+

Adelante Mujeres
Bienestar
Farmworker Housing
Development Corporation
Human Solutions
Oregon Harbor of Hope
Portland Homeless Family Solutions
Ride Connection

\$10,000+

Growing Gardens
JOIN
KIDS Center
Metropolitan Family Service
Oregon Food Bank
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon
Salem Harvest
Self Enhancement, Inc.

Trillium Family Services
Volunteers of America of Oregon

\$5,000+

Family Building Blocks
Friends of Zenger Farms
MountainStar Family Relief Nursery
NAMI Multnomah
Proud Ground
Rose Haven
Wallace Medical Concern
Yamhill Community Action
Partnership
YWCA of Greater Portland

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



Maria Pope, PGE president and CEO, Guadalupe Guerrero, superintendent of Portland Public Schools, and Victoria Lara, chair of the Fund for Portland Public Schools, during the event at Bridger School to commemorate the PPS and PGE partnership.

The PGE Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Portland General Electric. Founded in 1997, the foundation was created through an endowment with the express purpose of improving the quality of life for Oregonians. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded more than \$23 million to community organizations across the state.

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