



FOUNDATION

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

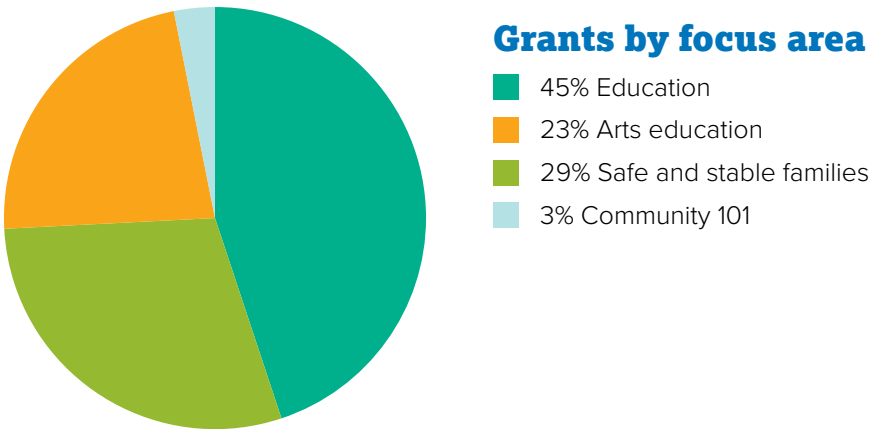
## A YEAR FOCUSED ON YOUTH

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 \$1,137,000 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 [pgfoundation.org](http://pgfoundation.org).

## \$1,137,579 TOTAL IN GRANTS



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

## 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 disproportionally 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 dollars 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.



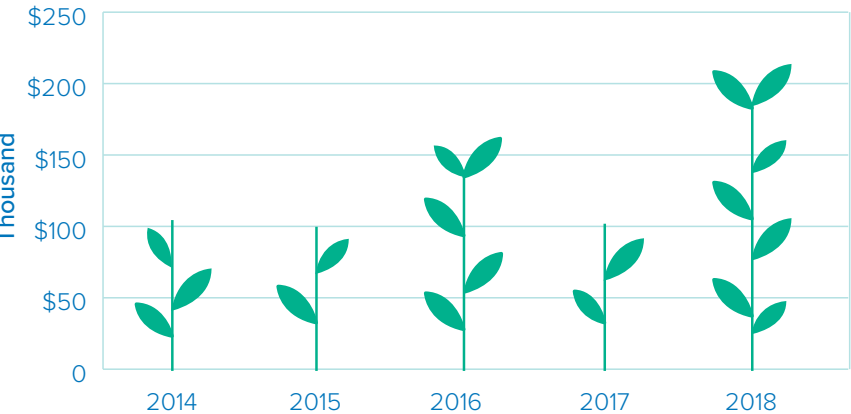
Left: Airway Science for Kids, creating equity through aviation STEM education. Right: On Track OHSU!, inspiring that "aha" moment for a new, diverse generation of health science professionals.

## 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



### \$25,000+

- All Hands Raised
- Better Together Central Oregon
- East Metro STEAM Partnership/ Impact NW
- Foundations for a Better Oregon
- On Track OHSU!, OHSU Foundation
- Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities
- Oregon Business Council, Oregon Learns
- Oregon State University Foundation
- Portland Community College Future Connect
- Portland State University Foundation
- Salem-Keizer Public Schools Career Technical Education Center
- South Metro Salem STEM Partnership

### \$10,000+

- Airway Science for Kids
- College Possible
- Community Transitional School
- Constructing Hope Pre-apprenticeship Training Program
- Elevate Oregon
- Friends of Saturday Academy
- Friends of the Children Portland
- Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest
- NAYA Family Center
- Oregon MESA
- Oregon Tech Foundation
- Portland Tennis and Education
- REAP
- University of Oregon Foundation

### \$5,000+

- ACE Mentor Program of Oregon
- Portland Youth Builders
- The School Foundation
- Tualatin STEAM Team

## Community Spotlight

In 2018, we partnered with Constructing Hope Pre-apprenticeship Program, Building Brighter Futures, to help expand their construction training programs and establish a mentoring program for 75 graduates. The program ultimately enrolled 85 unemployed residents. Of those, 75 graduated and 66 found jobs.



Left: Caldera arts youth program, inspiring creative expression through technology. Right: Oregon Ballet Theatre School Performance Series, the music behind the dance. Photo by Yi Yin.

## 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.



**32% OF DOLLARS GRANTED TO ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAMS SERVED RURAL COMMUNITIES**

### Community Spotlight

In 2018, the Oregon Historical Society redesigned its Experience Oregon exhibit to ensure visitors have an inclusive understanding of the history of all Oregonians. This new exhibit, designed in collaboration with Oregon’s culturally diverse communities, provides a comprehensive set of stories that reflect Oregonians’ life experiences and the people, places and events that shaped our state’s history.

### \$25,000+

Beaverton Arts Foundation,  
Patricia Reser 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  
Literary Arts  
Metropolitan Youth Symphony  
Oregon Ballet Theatre  
Oregon Children’s Theatre  
Oregon Symphony  
Portland Art Museum  
Portland Center Stage  
Portland Opera  
Portland Playhouse

### \$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



Left: Bienestar, building housing, hope and futures through its develop and preserve affordable housing project. Right: Family Building Blocks therapeutic classroom, keeping children safe and families together.

## 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.

**75%**

**INCREASE IN FUNDING SINCE 2017 FOR MENTAL WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

### Community Spotlight

Lines for Life is using a unique peer-to-peer model, YouthLine, to help prevent teen suicide and thoughts of suicide. The organization works to educate and destigmatize mental health issues, improve and increase help-seeking behavior and strengthen resiliency among Central Oregon young people struggling with mental health issues, substance abuse and suicidal thoughts.

### \$25,000+

Adelante Mujeres  
Bienestar  
Human Solutions  
Portland Homeless Family Solutions  
United Way of the Columbia-Willamette

### \$10,000+

Albertina Kerr Centers Foundation  
Catholic Charities of Oregon  
Children’s Center of Clackamas  
County  
Columbia River Health  
Friends of Zenger Farm  
Growing Gardens  
JOIN  
KIDS Center  
Marion Polk Food Share  
Oregon Food Bank  
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon  
Rose Haven  
Self Enhancement, Inc.  
William Temple House

### \$5,000+

Family Building Blocks  
Family Resource Center of Central  
Oregon  
Lines for Life  
MountainStar Family Relief Nursery  
New Avenues for Youth  
Proud Ground  
Salem Harvest  
Volunteers of America Oregon  
YWCA of Greater Portland

**Community 101**  
**\$35,600**

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

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



Portland Opera recognized the PGE Foundation for its outstanding leadership and contribution to the arts.  
Pictured left to right: Loretta Mabinton, Jardon Jaramillo, Michele Keever, Kregg Arntson, Kimberly Howard, Dave Robertson, Maria Pope and Chris Mattallano, general director of the Portland Opera.

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 \$22 million to community organizations across the state.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Peggy Fowler  
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Kimberly Howard, program officer  
Michele Keever, grant administrator

