

PGE 2025 Drive Change Fund

Grant Recipients

A Village For One

A Village For One is a non-profit organization that provides low-barrier access to mental health counseling for youth ages 12-25 impacted by the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC). Their DCF project includes procuring 1 EV and installing 1 charging port for clinicians to transport clients to mental health sessions and essential services.

African American Alliance for Homeownership

The African American Alliance for Homeownership (AAAH) is a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon, dedicated to increasing homeownership and economic stability for African Americans and other underserved communities. AAAH's DCF project will be a match savings program for low to moderate income households purchasing their first electric vehicle or bicycle. This project will provide education on rebate incentives and help navigate what to expect when making the switch from a gas-powered vehicle or human-powered bike to electric vehicles and/or bikes.

Better Chances Inc.

Better Chances is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering underserved youth. By providing overall health and wellbeing support services, educational resources, and community engagement initiatives, they aim to foster resilience, promote health equity, and create pathways to success. Their project is to acquire 4 electric vehicles, install 5 charging stations, and lead a 12-month education campaign to provide safe, reliable transportation for youth and introduce underserved families in North Portland to EV technology and clean energy careers. They will be replacing the gas-powered vehicles the organization currently uses, reducing fuel costs and emissions while expanding access to clean transportation.

Blanchet House of Hospitality

Blanchet House of Hospitality is a non-profit social services organization located in Old Town Portland. Blanchet House supports individuals experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, and recovery challenges, as well as low-income and marginalized populations from across the region. Their DCF project will support them in acquiring an electric cargo van and charger and providing community outreach about the vehicle. By replacing aging gas-powered vehicles with EVs, the project increases service capacity by supporting operations at a new women's shelter and ensuring reliable food donation pickups.

B-Line Urban Delivery

B-line Urban Delivery is a logistics and distribution service that specializes in sustainable delivery to urban areas. They will focus on reducing freight congestion and CO2 emissions while partnering with local communities to develop green collar jobs and support community initiatives. In partnership with Clay Street Table, B-line's DCF project will be to acquire a refrigerated electric van, install supporting charging infrastructure, and conduct community outreach events/workshops to increase awareness of EV technology and connect more people to their food programs. B-Line Urban Delivery and Clay Street Table hope to increase their meal distribution in Portland by 200%.

Cascade Aids Project

Cascade Aids Project (CAP) is a non-profit organization rooted in and serving two populations that experience health disparities: people living with HIV and the LGBTQ+ community. Through their DCF project they will acquire an electric passenger van and install supporting EV charging infrastructure to further their services at Our House of Portland (OHOP), their residential care facility serving people living with HIV/AIDS.

Clackamas Community College

Clackamas Community College (CCC) is a two-year fully accredited, public community college primarily serving Clackamas County, Oregon. CCC offers over 90 career and technical programs, including associate degrees, college transfer degrees, career technical education, literacy/basic skills, community education, business training, and partnerships for four-year degree completion programs. Through their DCF project, they will purchase two EVs, install two level 2 chargers, and develop training materials to provide EV service, maintenance, and safety courses, allowing more students to access training and modern career opportunities. CCC will also conduct outreach to increase awareness of these courses, EV technology and accessibility, with a focus on investing in underserved communities.

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) is a non-profit organization that partners with schools, communities and government agencies located in North/Northeast Portland. Their programming connects students and community members in the watershed to stewardship opportunities, education, and events throughout the 60 miles of lakes, wetlands, and slow-moving channels that make up the watershed. Through their DCF project they will acquire two level 2 charging stations to support their existing electric vehicle fleet and simplify operational logistics, allowing CSWC to more efficiently provide environmental benefits to the Slough via their stewardship program. This will also provide educational benefits to underserved communities through community events & education programs.

Corbett School District

Corbett School District is a school district serving Corbett, Oregon. Corbett's DCF project will focus on the acquisition of three electric vehicles. A cargo van will be used by student nutrition services to deliver meals from the central kitchen to two nearby campuses. Two electric SUVs will support access to athletic programs by providing transportation for athletic trainers and small teams.

Ethiopian And Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center

The Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center (EECRC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide culturally tailored services and resources to Ethiopian, Eritrean, and African immigrants and refugees, promoting self-sufficiency, integration, and long-term success. The center focuses on empowering the community through education, healthcare, employment, and legal services, aiming to create a supportive environment for individuals and families. Their DCF project will support the purchase and installation of 6 public Level 2 EV chargers at Plaza 122. EECRC will also lead a 12-month outreach campaign to increase EV awareness among East Portland's immigrant and refugee communities.

Farmworker Housing Development Corporation

Farmworker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC) is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing and support services to low-income farmworkers in Oregon. The organization focuses on creating a supportive environment that fosters economic self-sufficiency and community engagement, addressing the unique needs of farmworker communities. Their DCF project includes the acquisition of two electric vans, ten cargo e-bikes, supporting infrastructure, and funds for education and outreach. This is to support rural farmworker communities and increase EV adoption in the Willamette Valley at two of their largest housing facilities - Nuevo Amanecer in Woodburn and Colonia Libertad in Salem. This project aims to increase accessibility and awareness of EV usage for rural and frontline and farmworker communities within Oregon's mid-Willamette Valley.

JOIN

JOIN is a non-profit organization that works to support the efforts of individuals and families experiencing houselessness to transition into stable housing. JOIN's drop-in service center serves approximately 100 individuals per day and provides access to regular meals, a mailing address, showers and hygiene products, system resource navigation support, weekly onsite medical services,

and other support. Their DCF project will support the acquisition of 1 electric van and 1 charger to replace an aging gas vehicle. This will support their daily service delivery to unhoused individuals in East Portland. It also includes staff and client education on EV use and sustainability, integrating clean transportation into frontline community support work.

Lift Urban Portland

Lift Urban Portland is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing hunger and improving the lives of low-income residents in northwest and downtown Portland. Founded in 1983, it operates a food pantry that distributes food to local residents, particularly older citizens, and offers programs like Adopt-a-Building, which provides emergency food boxes to residents in low-income apartment buildings. The organization also conducts healthy eating workshops and delivers fresh produce and meals to those in need. The DCF project is to acquire an electric food delivery vehicle and charging station to expand Lift Urban Portland's ability to serve food-insecure residents of downtown and northwest Portland as well as reduce their carbon footprint.

Linfield University

Linfield University is a private liberal arts college with campuses in McMinnville and Portland, Oregon. Linfield University grants degrees at the baccalaureate and master's degree level. Linfield's DCF project will be to acquire 2 electric carts with hauling capabilities to support security and operations on campus. The carts will be used to respond to emergencies, monitor campus, and transport people with injuries or physical disabilities.

Loco Por La Aventura

Loco Por La Aventura is a non-profit organization aimed at making outdoor activities more accessible to the Latino community and beyond. The organization aims to inspire the Latino Community to embrace outdoor activities equitably. Their initiative focuses on outdoor education, providing opportunities for camping, mountaineering, and rafting, while fostering a sense of community and connection with nature. Their DCF project includes the acquisition of one electric vehicle to provide free transportation to 50+ free outdoor activities annually for the Latino community in Oregon – many of whom typically lack access to affordable and inclusive nature and outdoor programming.

Meals on Wheels People

Meals on Wheels People is a non-profit organization that delivers meals to the homes of seniors who are homebound and unable to purchase or prepare their own meals. It is a nationwide program made up of over 5,000 local community-run programs. Their DCF project is to replace a leased diesel medium-duty delivery truck with an electric medium-duty delivery truck, as well as install charging infrastructure, reducing emissions in underserved communities and demonstrating EV adoption.

Menucha Retreat and Conference Center

Menucha is a non-profit retreat and conference center nestled in the Columbia River Gorge of Oregon. They provide space for rest, renewal, and meaningful connection—hosting both their own programs and gatherings for other nonprofits, faith communities, schools, and groups doing good in the world. Their DCF project includes the acquisition of one electric transit van, and two level 2 chargers. This project aims to provide electric transportation and guest charging in the Columbia River Gorge and PGE service area to many who face barriers reaching the center due to lack of public transportation in the area.

Neighborhood Health Center

Neighborhood Health Center (NHC) is a non-profit organization located in Canby, Oregon. NHC offers medical, dental, pharmacy, reproductive, and behavioral health services. For their DCF project, Neighborhood Health Center will purchase an electric vehicle and install charging infrastructure to support its free medication delivery service for underserved patients within a 20-mile radius of NHC's Canby clinic. Electrifying this service will reduce emissions, increase delivery reliability, and improve patient outcomes by ensuring continued access to essential medications for all patients, especially those with a transportation barrier.

NW Pilot Project Inc.

The NW Pilot Project is an organization that helps low-income seniors (55 and over) in Multnomah County find safe, permanent, and affordable rental housing. Their DCF project is to acquire an electric vehicle and install charging infrastructure to expand access to their housing and essential services for low-income and unhoused seniors, supporting transportation electrification and service equity. This will help address limited access to transportation for low-income or homeless senior populations creates barriers for them to access sustainable housing, medical appointments, or other services/essential tasks necessary to support their independent living.

Oregon Food Bank

The Oregon Food Bank is a network of 21 regional food banks and more than 1,400 sites that provide free food and services to anyone in need. The organization's core mission is to eliminate hunger and its root causes in Oregon and Southwest Washington. They strive to do this through providing food and food subsidies, establishing community programs that address food insecurity, and supporting other organizations throughout Oregon with their network of services. Oregon Food Bank will acquire five new electric forklifts for use at its Portland Metro Area warehouses. The equipment will help facilitate the efficient distribution of millions of pounds of food to more than 1,200 partner sites serving communities across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Oregon Health and Science University

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) is a public research university focusing primarily on health sciences with a main campus, including two hospitals, in Portland, Oregon. This project will acquire 1 electric vehicle to expand their transportation services for medically complex youth, advancing equitable access and transportation electrification.

Oregon Historical Society

For more than 125 years, the Oregon Historical Society has served as Oregon's collective memory, preserving a vast collection of photographs, books, maps, manuscript materials, films, oral histories, objects, and belongings. Their research library, museum, digital platforms, educational programming, and historical journal make Oregon's history available to all. Their DCF project will be to purchase an electric cargo van and install a charging station to reduce emissions and support clean transportation. The van will safely transport sensitive historical materials between storage, the museum, and education sites, aligning with sustainability and electrification goals.

Parrott Creek Child and Family Services

Since 1968, Parrott Creek Child and Family Services has been supporting youth and families impacted by the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, as well as those struggling with addiction, mental health needs or homelessness. They strive to address the various social, economic and health factors that cause trauma to individuals and communities and that lead to reduced access to resources, supports and opportunities. Their DCF project will support the acquisition of 3 electric vehicles and installation of 3 dual-port chargers to provide sustainable, reliable transportation for youth at a residential treatment campus. This project will play a role in Parrott Creek's efforts to double their capacity and broadening of their services by providing transportation for youth to medical, legal, recreational, and cultural appointments, a key part of their treatment and transition plans.

PDX Diaper Bank

PDX Diaper Bank is a non-profit organization based in Portland, Oregon, that provides free diapers and diapering supplies to low-income families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities. Since its inception in 2012, it has distributed over 7 million diapers to support the health and wellness of the community. The organization operates through partnerships with various non-profit and government agencies, ensuring that diapering essentials reach families in need, particularly those without access to government assistance programs. This project will acquire an electric vehicle, to improve their operational logistics and a vehicle wrap. This project will strengthen PDX Diaper Bank's efforts to expand capacity, allowing them to better serve children and families facing poverty.

P:EAR: Project: Education Art Recreation

p:ear is a community organization dedicated to supporting homeless youth aged 15 to 24 through education, art, recreation, and job training. It aims to build positive relationships and create opportunities for personal growth and self-discovery among these young individuals. Through their DCF project they will purchase an EV and charging station that will be visible through youth-led programs like Bike Works and Catering Works, showing how electric transportation supports real jobs and services. Its use in schools and community events will help normalize EVs and builds momentum for p:ear's long-term e-bike expansion.

Potluck In the Park

Potluck in the Park is a community service organization that aims to nourish and enrich the lives of individuals in need by offering nutritious food and fostering social connections. The organization operates through volunteer efforts, serving approximately 300-400 guests each Sunday, and has become a significant part of the community's holiday tradition. Their DCF project includes the acquisition of one electric van to be utilized to collect food donations and carry large equipment needed for Sunday meal services, food pickups, and food redistribution services for the houseless population in Portland.

Sandy Historical Society

Sandy Historical Society has been the collector and guardian of the history of the Sandy area since 1926. It opened in 2007 with focus on the Barlow Road, covering Government Camp to Eagle Creek, the logging industry and the founding families. Their DCF project includes the installation of two DC Fast Chargers at the Sandy Historical Society Museum, which will serve Highway 26 travelers as well as local residents. The addition of fast chargers at the museum will fill the need for more affordable charging capability for both short and long-distance drivers.

The Blueprint Foundation

The Blueprint Foundation is a human development organization whose mission is to reconnect youth and young adults with nature through culturally specific learning opportunities and mentorship. The foundation focuses on empowering future generations by providing access to workforce development and environmental stewardship, particularly in the green sector. Their acquisition of four electric vehicles through their DCF grant will improve reliability, lower fuel costs, and reduce pollution in underserved communities. Youth will gain hands-on experience with EV technology and maintenance.

The Manav Foundation

The Manav Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Sherwood, Oregon, dedicated to enhancing the culture of small-scale organic and sustainable agriculture in the northwest region. It operates as a public-benefit non-profit and focuses on farm-based education through its partnership with Our Table Cooperative. The foundation aims to cultivate a locally adapted culture and economy, promoting sustainable practices and community engagement in food systems. The DCF project will allow them to acquire 2 electric delivery vans, install 2 solar-powered chargers, and develop a case study and video to share lessons learned.

Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is a special parks district located in Washington County. Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District is the largest special park district in Oregon. Their DCF project will support the acquisition of two electric vehicles and two dual port charging stations, which will be installed for public use and utilized to expand THPRD's nature education programming to communities that otherwise would not have access.

Tualatin Riverkeepers

Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK), a community-based organization that works to protect and restore Oregon's Tualatin River system, builds watershed stewardship through education, public access, restoration, and advocacy. Since the late 1980s, TRK has connected people to the river and helped preserve and restore the natural environment of the 712-square-mile Tualatin River watershed. Their

DCF project will allow them to acquire an electric pickup truck to conduct volunteer watershed restoration trips and lead river trips for underrepresented communities, while two charging stations in Tualatin will increase community access to chargers and expose underserved communities to EVs.

Western Oregon University Foundation

The Western Oregon University Foundation was founded in 1965 and is the fundraising-arm of Western Oregon University. Their DCF project will install EV charging stations at two Western Oregon University (WOU) campuses to expand access to EV infrastructure for students and the broader community and promote EV adoption.

Willamette Riverkeeper

Willamette Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization founded in 1996 dedicated to protecting and restoring the water quality and natural habitat of the Willamette River. Its mission emphasizes that a river with excellent water quality and abundant natural habitat is a basic public right, advocating for river health through education, outreach, and legal action. Through their DCF project they will acquire two electric trucks, install a public DC Fast Charger, and support river-based community programs with cleaner, more efficient transportation.

World Salmon Council

The World Salmon Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education related to wild salmon conservation and healthy watersheds. Founded in 2012, its mission is to educate, engage, and empower local communities in the sustainability of wild salmon. The organization offers programs like Salmon Watch, which connects students and adults with nature and promotes community engagement in preserving salmon ecosystems. Through their DCF project they will acquire one electric vehicle to transport gear and personnel to educational sites, primarily serving the Salmon Watch field trip program.