# **PGE 2022 Drive Change Fund**

#### **Grant Recipients**

#### **APANO Communities United Fund**

APANO Communities United Fund is a statewide, grassroots organization uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice. Their DCF project will install charging infrastructure in partnership with two local, Asian-American owned retail businesses along the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave corridor. As an emerging civic corridor that cuts through several of the most diverse census tracts in the Portland Metro region, EV charging stations will help advance equity and climate goals.

#### **Central City Concern**

Central City Concern is a nonprofit organization serving adults and families in the Portland metro area, who are impacted by homelessness, poverty and addiction. Their DCF project will install charging infrastructure at two new multi-family affordable housing properties, Cedar Commons and Meridian Gardens. This will support the organization's efforts to electrify their fleet of vehicles and to remove barriers to access for the 15,000 clients served annually who may acquire electric vehicles.

## **Chemeketa Community College**

Chemeketa Community College is a two-year comprehensive public community college located in the Willamette Valley. Their DCF project will include two electric tractors to be used in community college classes, trainings for high school aged students, outreach to community agriculture and lent out to individual farms and vineyards. Agricultural workers in the valley are subjected to the toxic effects of diesel-powered equipment. Affordable access and training with innovative electric technology increases the likelihood that farms and vineyards will adopt electrified agricultural equipment.

## **City of Tigard**

City of Tigard is one of the fastest growing cities in Oregon with a strategic vision that will transform the city into "an equitable community that is walkable, healthy and accessible for everyone." Their DCF project is an e-bike library pilot that will place e-bikes and storage modules at affordable housing sites in socially vulnerable neighborhoods to provide free access to this emerging technology. This pilot project will illuminate challenges and opportunities to scale e-bike libraries citywide.

## **Community Cycling Center**

Community Cycling Center's mission is to broaden access to cycling and its benefits. Their DCF funding will be used to purchase an electric sprinter van to support their community outreach programs and transport the 40 tons of steel and aluminum bicycle parts they rescue from waste every year. This will assist Community Cycling Center in reducing their carbon footprint and expanding the services they provide to the community.

# **Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon**

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's mission is to bring together diverse communities of faith to learn, serve and advocate for justice. Their DCF project includes installing charging

infrastructure and purchasing electric vehicles to expand their existing service in the Portland Metro region and beyond with a focus on HIV services, meal delivery and refugee programs.

#### **Hacienda CDC**

Hacienda CDC is a Latino Community Development Corporation and works to strengthen families by providing affordable housing, homeownership support, economic advancement and educational opportunities. Their DCF funds will be used to purchase an electric vehicle to support their Youth and Family Services Programs, distribute donations and provide transportation to staff. This project will expand impactful programs, support climate justice and increase access to TE technology.

# **Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization**

IRCO promotes the integration of refugees, immigrants and the community at large into a self-sufficient, healthy and inclusive muti-ethnic society. Their DCF project will include charging infrastructure as well as the purchase of electric ADA vans and an e-transit cargo van. These electric vehicles will transport supplies and community members to services, events, after school programming and field trips. This project will help reduce IRCO's carbon footprint and protect public health by minimizing the air pollution released into environmental justice communities.

## **Linfield University**

Linfield University is an independent nonprofit university, which includes a School of Nursing Portland campus. Their DCF funds will be used to install charging infrastructure for use by students, staff, faculty, visitors, and community members. Linfield University is interested in supporting sustainable transportation practices and this project is the first step in developing the strategy for future EV charging infrastructure projects.

# **NW Pilot Project**

Northwest Pilot Project provides services to very low and extremely low-income, disabled, and disenfranchised senior households living in Multnomah County. Their DCF project will purchase an electric vehicle for their new Permanent Supporting Housing program, which provides one-on-one personalized support to those with the highest barriers to permanent housing. This project will help increase housing stability and quality of life, while eliminating tailpipe emissions.

## **Outgrowing Hunger**

Outgrowing Hunger is a community-based membership organization with agriculture program and garden space in Gresham and East Portland. Their DCF funds will be used to purchase an electric vehicle to provide support to a network of 13 farms and gardens serving 400 Black, Asian, Latinx, and Slavic farmers and gardeners in east Multnomah and Clackamas counties. Outgrowing Hunger expects this will result in a reduction of CO2 emissions of approximately 11,700 pounds annually.

#### **Tualatin Hills Park & Rec**

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation's mission is to provide high quality park and recreation facilities, programs, services and natural areas that meet the needs of the diverse

communities it serves. Their DCF funds will support their Mobile Recreation program, which is a dynamic, responsive program that offers free activities for youth at parks, Title I schools, community centers and affordable housing complexes. With the Drive Change Fund, THPRD will have the capacity to serve even more youth.

#### **Raphael House**

Rachael House provides lifesaving and life-changing support to adults and children who experience domestic violence. Their DCF project will provide electric vehicles and charging infrastructure to transport families to and from their shelter, accompany survivors to appointments and to look for housing, meet survivors in the community, and distribute donations. Through this project, Raphael House will be better able to serve survivors while reducing their environmental footprint and raising awareness about electric mobility.

#### **Volunteers of America Oregon**

Volunteers of America Oregon provides outpatient behavioral health treatment and wraparound support services to some of Multnomah County's most vulnerable residents who need mental health and/or substance use treatment. Their DCF funding will be used to install charging infrastructure and purchase electric vehicles for their peer mentors - people with lived experience - as they connect with treatment program participants in the community, including transporting participants to and from appointments, activities, etc. This program will help provide stable, sustainable and safe solution for delivery of community-based peer support and transportation of program participants.

## **Working Theory Farm**

Working Theory Farm is a nonprofit educational farm in Hillsboro that works to empower youth through the shared work of farming to grow food for partner organizations who distribute this food to families in need. Their DCF project will include the acquisition of an electric tractor for the farm. This electric tractor will help reduce their carbon footprint and expand their educational program to demonstrate the latest environmental technologies addressing pollution and climate change.

