

2021 Drive Change Fund

Grant recipients

Camp Fire Columbia - \$232,781

Founded in 1910, [Camp Fire Columbia](#) provides campers, students, and community members opportunities to participate in outdoor education and personal discovery. Their [Camp Namanu](#) location hosts summer camps, outdoor school camps, and field trips. The camp has historically offered a place where young people can feel comfortable being themselves, providing an inclusive environment to diverse groups of campers and students. CFC recently evaluated their facility for ADA access and is currently reducing barriers throughout their grounds and programs. CFC is proposing acquiring an ADA accessible cart for use on the grounds, charging infrastructure, and an ADA passenger van for transporting groups of campers and alumni to and from the camp.

Clackamas County - \$212,500

[Clackamas County Social Services](#) is part of the Health, Housing, and Human Services Department of Clackamas County. CCSS provides a range of services both directly and through community partners including nine senior and community centers throughout the County, each of whom have their own systems to provide transportation to their communities. The County manages their own, separate Transportation Reaching People program, which provides rides to seniors and those with disabilities to medical appointments and other life services, “filling in the gaps” of the community centers and increasing accessibility for more remote or rural community members. CCSS is proposing purchasing one ADA-equipped van for use by their TRP drivers, and for some use by social service case managers to provide home and community-based services.

Metropolitan Family Service - \$136,278

[Metropolitan Family Services](#) is a nonprofit agency based in Portland with a mission to support those facing poverty, inequity, and social isolation, through a wide variety of programming. Leveraging many different community partnerships, MFS supports early childhood development, community health, and individual and family economic vitality. MFS is proposing an expansion of their low interest auto loan program Ways to Work, which allows low-income and credit-challenged working families to obtain fair loans, together with ongoing financial training to ensure long term success. The DCF funding will be used to provide specific focus toward electric vehicles, in the form of education, outreach, and marketing, under the existing Ways to Work program structure.

Mt. Hood Community College - \$300,000

[Mount Hood Community College](#) is a two-year public community college in Multnomah County, with its main campus in Gresham. MHCC is focused on providing educational opportunities aligned with the local and regional workforce. MHCC is proposing acquisition of four vehicles and chargers to provide hands-on learning and expanded curriculum for their auto tech programs, and an additional three dual-port level 2 chargers to establish charging access at two different locations on campus. The proposal also includes outreach components to spread awareness of the infrastructure and curriculum.



NAACP PDX - \$289,560

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is a long-standing national organization serving the Black community, with a mission toward securing equality and eliminating race-based discrimination. The [Portland Chapter](#) has over 600 members and is recently under new leadership, with several recent accomplishments including successful PCEF and Oregon Metro grant awards led by the Chapter's Environmental Justice and Climate Committee. The Chapter is proposing acquisition of an ADA-accessible shuttle bus and three passenger electric vehicles, to serve a number of their community programs and mutual aid efforts, and to establish a community ride share system to support those with transportation barriers.

Oregon Environmental Council - \$240,881

The [Oregon Environmental Council](#) is a nonprofit focusing on environmental issues and solutions in the State of Oregon. For this project they have partnered with a number of regional auto service industry members including six local repair shops and the Northwest Auto Trades Association. The goal of this project is to increase capacity for electric vehicle maintenance in the local repair industry through training, education, outreach, and infrastructure, and to expand the public's access to EVs through that increased capacity as well as through exposure to EVs via repair shop loaner cars and charging. In parallel with these workforce development elements are infrastructure development and consumer education: four local shops will install charging infrastructure available to their shop and the public and will be provided EV loaner cars to provide to their customers while servicing their vehicles.

PDX Diaper Bank - \$59,970

[PDX Diaper Bank](#) is a nonprofit aid organization in Portland focusing on providing diapers and diapering supplies to low-income families. The organization was started in 2012 and is still the only dedicated diaper bank in the Portland metro area. Since its founding, the Diaper Bank has provided over two million free diapers, working with partner agencies to collect and distribute donations to support over 16,000 families. They propose the acquisition of an electric cargo van to pick up and transport large quantities of diaper donations and deliver diapers and supplies to partner agencies.

Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives - \$64,963

[Portland Community Reinvestment Initiative](#) is an affordable housing nonprofit organization formed in 1992 and is now the largest Black-led provider of affordable housing services for low-income residents in North and Northeast Portland. PCRI is a culturally specific organization focused on providing the majority of their services to African Americans, working to counter discriminatory policy, disinvestment, and displacement. Their programs cover a range of initiatives including transportation, education, entertainment, food, utility, rent, and mortgage assistance, advocacy, health support and community development. PCRI is requesting DCF funding to purchase one electric vehicle for their maintenance staff, as well as a dual-port charger to support their vehicles, installed at one of their multi-family properties in PGE's service territory as part of their car share program. Funds will also support EV education and outreach to their resident community.

Sustainable Northwest - \$277,966

Founded in 1994, [Sustainable Northwest](#) focuses on forests, farms, and ranches; clean energy; water; and green markets throughout the Greater Northwest. Through this broad spectrum of work, they help to ensure both rural communities and urban centers have healthy landscapes, resilient economies, and engaged communities. Sustainable



Northwest's current clean energy initiatives include energy audit assistance, implementing energy efficiency measures on farms, and working with tribally owned, low-income housing on weatherization programs.

Together with [Wy'East RC&D, Forth](#), and [Bonneville Environmental Foundation](#), funding will be used to purchase two electric tractors and an electric pickup truck, as well as to provide education and outreach to new farmers on the benefits of agriculturally based electrification. The equipment will be shared among farmers to test, familiarize, and build confidence with the technology, while supporting operations at smaller local farms within the [Black Food Sovereignty Coalition](#), and as a resource at the [East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District](#)'s farm incubator program.

Transition Projects - \$309,721

[Transition Projects](#), founded in 1969, provides shelter, housing, and supportive services for low-income people and are recognized for their work with veterans, women, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups. Operating out of 14 metro-area locations, their 330 employees assist 10,000 people each year through programs designed to help people survive the streets, find housing, and retain their housing. They are the largest provider of publicly funded shelter services in Oregon for individuals, couples, and their pets and their resource center serves hundreds of people each day with services from hygiene and medical support to shelter and housing assistance.

Transition Projects is proposing the purchase of four electric vehicles and supporting charging infrastructure. The proposed project would enhance their Mobile Outreach and Veterans Services teams. The Outreach teams connect directly with people living unhoused across the city with essential resources and support services, and the Veterans Services teams assist vulnerable veterans in making the transition from homelessness to housing and retaining their housing.

Willamette Valley Law Project - \$131,941

Willamette Valley Law Project is a nonprofit supporting the development and ongoing operations of community-based organizations including [Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste](#), Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos, and Capaces Leadership Institute. WVLP serves as a fiscal sponsor and contracts and partners with these organizations to carry out programming and facility management to reach farmworkers and immigrant families in the Willamette Valley. WVLP is requesting funding to acquire vehicles and charging infrastructure to support these organizations to better reach the communities they serve, in the farms and locations where they work and live.

