

PGE 2024 Drive Change Fund

Grant Recipients

Arise and Shine

Arise and Shine is a nonprofit that assists underserved communities with careers, family nurturing services, housing, and more. Their DCF project includes two electric vehicles that will transport community members around the city - many of whom are elderly, disabled, or single mothers. The EVs will help serve various programs designed for low-income BIPOC community members with everyday needs around school, childcare, and healthcare.

Caldera

Caldera is a nonprofit founded as an arts and environmental immersion program in the mountains. Their DCF project is for the acquisition of four electric transit vans along with four charging ports that will replace the current transportation vehicles in their fleet, which are 10-20 years old. The vehicles and chargers will help Caldera to transport underserved learners from inner city areas to rural land for immersive education.

Camp Elso Inc

Camp Elso Inc is a community-based environmental education focused nonprofit that uses the natural world to connect children from underserved communities to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Their DCF project is for three electric vans along with educational funds that will be used to enrich their STEAMED program for nearly 500 BIPOC youth in the Portland metro region annually. These vans will help Camp Elso transport their students to and from their outdoor education programs without relying on rental vehicles, along with transporting their staff and partners around the Portland metro region.

Community for Positive Aging

Community for Positive Aging is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to foster a healthier, more inclusive, and connected Portland for adults 55+ through educational and recreational programming, support services, and care. Their DCF project includes three electric vehicles that will be used to provide means of access to locations where low-income seniors and people with disabilities can meet their medical, nutritional, and support service needs. The project will also support seniors with transportation to meals, health services and community events, addressing food insecurity and social isolation.

City of West Linn

The City of West Linn's DCF project is a Level 2 dual port charging station. Their DCF project addresses the need to accessible EV charging, especially for commuters on the I-205 corridor, along with encouraging more widespread adoption of electric vehicles. Placed in West Linn's key economic center, it will support local businesses, and enhances accessibility to eco-friendly transportation, along with addressing a major infrastructure gap.

Clackamas Service Center

Clackamas Service Center is the largest food pantry based in Clackamas County, serving as a vital resource for low- and no-income east Portlanders. Their DCF project is two refrigerated electric cargo vans that will replace their current gas and diesel vans that transport ingredients and other resources to food pantries and events. The vans will reduce the environmental impact of their



services, reduce operating costs, and create opportunities for their staff, volunteers, and members to become familiar with and utilize EVs.

Community Development Corporation of Oregon

Community Development Corporation of Oregon is a nonprofit that works to provide pathways for Oregon's low- and no-income communities to learn, earn, and belong. Their DCF project is for two EVs that will be used to deliver in-person support for high-risk individuals in the form of food, medical care, and business education. The EVs will enhance their ability to provide comprehensive support services like housing, healthcare, and job assistance for immigrant and refugee communities.

Depave

Depave is a nonprofit that empowers underserved communities through urban de-greening. Their DCF project is for one electric truck that will be used to replace their 22-year-old gas truck. It will be used to transport tools and landscaping materials to sites and site visits by their staff. This truck will support Depave's focus on pavement-plagued settings, and their work is often completed at schools and community hubs that serve BIPOC, immigrant, and other underserved communities.

Foodways at Nana Cardoon

Foodways at Nana Cardoon is an educational nonprofit that serves the local community by gathering and sharing food knowledge and experiences. Their DCF project includes a new electric van and charger that will be used to deliver essential food items to enhance accessibility to nutritious food and alleviate food insecurity. The van will reduce carbon emissions, and lower operating costs along with boosting efficiency. It will empower underserved community members with knowledge about sustainable food systems and healthy eating habits.

Forth Mobility Fund

The Forth Mobility Fund is a nonprofit that aims to electrify transportation. They bolster policy capacity through partnerships while promoting transportation. Their DCF project includes two electrified farm vehicles that will be used in a program that lends farmers e-farming equipment to test out on their farms. The data from the electric farm equipment will be collected and analyzed against traditional farm equipment to affect local, state, and national policy around the e-farming industry.

Free Geek

Free Geek is a nonprofit whose goal is to divert technology that would otherwise be disposed of, and instead refurbish it and give it back to its community at little to no cost. Their DCF project features an electric van that will be used to transport their Digital Equity team members and materials to various programs, classes, and other events. This will allow Free Geek to continue to execute their mission to prevent electronic waste and provide access to basic technology for underserved communities.

Friends of Zenger Farm

Friends of Zenger Farm is a working urban farm that models, promotes, and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, and community development. Their DCF project will have one electric truck along with two Level 2 charging stations to support farm operations and their programs. They will also provide public access to one of the charging stations in Southeast Portland, helping an unmet need in the area.



Home Forward

Home Forward is a nonprofit housing authority that contracts with the federal government to administer housing programs. Their DCF project is the installation of 16 dual port EV chargers in low- and no- income housing sites throughout Portland and Gresham, providing EV charger access to those communities. They also plan to engage residents and the broader community on the benefits of EVs.

Lakewood Theatre Company

The Lakewood Theatre Company is a nonprofit with the goal of sponsoring and coordinating visual arts, theatre, and community events. Their DCF project focuses on the installation of three public Level 2 dual port charging stations that will provide charging infrastructure to an area that has limited public access to EV charging.

Metropolitan Family Service

Metropolitan Family Service is a nonprofit organization whose early learning, K-12, and adult education programs address disparities, promote equity, and demonstrate respect for all individuals. Their DCF project will fund the hiring of a bilingual program coordinator, with the goal helping low-income BIPOC communities attain favorable below-market loans for EVs and e-bikes through the MFS program, along with education and outreach related to electric vehicles in both English and Spanish. Information offered in multiple languages can empower individuals to make well-informed decisions toward EV ownership.

NARA NW

The mission of NARA NW is to provide culturally appropriate education, physical and mental health services, and substance abuse treatment to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and anyone in need. Their DCF project includes two Level 2 EV chargers, along with four electric passenger vans that will be used to safely transport clients to its service locations and enhance EV awareness through their educational and outreach campaigns.

Northwest Mother's Milk Bank

Northwest Mothers Milk Bank is a nonprofit donor milk bank established in 2008 whose mission is to improve the health and survival of the Pacific Northwest's most vulnerable infants through the safe collection and distribution of human donor milk, education, advocacy, and research. Their DCF project is for installing one Level 2 EV charger and an electric truck with a lift gate. This truck will allow the nonprofit to double their delivery capabilities and meet increased demand while providing a major benefit for medically fragile infants and their families. They often serve BIPOC communities and are participants of a program that help incarcerated women get milk for their babies.

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

OMSI's mission is to inspire curiosity through engaging science learning experiences, foster experimentation and the exchange of ideas and stimulate informed action through their museum exhibits and programs. Their DCF project is for four EVs and transportation electrification education and outreach for their staff and visitors. The EVs will be used for campus safety, facilities management, exhibit assembly, and transport for visitors with mobility impairments. Their programming will be tailored for BIPOC groups underserved by STEM via partnership with Forth.



Oregon Environmental Council

The Oregon Environmental Council is a statewide environmental policy nonprofit that pushes for solutions to Oregon's environmental problems. Their DCF project is for the acquisition of one EV, which will be used for staff support, along with funds for education and outreach. This project will provide education to lower-income households and communities of color about state and federal incentives for electrification.

PDX Diaper Bank

PDX Diaper Bank provides diapers and diapering supplies to low-income families with young children, older adults, and adults with disabilities in Portland and other surrounding areas in collaboration with their partner agencies. Their DCF project is for one electric forklift that will be used in its warehouse operations. This will allow PDX Diaper Bank to increase their diaper distributions to families and accept more shipments of donated diapers.

Portland Street Art Alliance

Portland Street Art Alliance (PSAA) is a nonprofit that has managed over 300 street art projects. They also serve as a network of artists, academics, and professionals working to facilitate art projects in the city. Their DCF project is funding an education and outreach campaign, along with a new electric truck. The truck will support PSAA's operations and serve as a mobile access point for mural sites lacking nearby electricity, while the education and outreach campaign will offer artist services at two Portland charging sites to promote EV awareness. The DCF project will allow the PSAA to better engage its artists, many of whom represent BIPOC, LGBTQIS2+, homeless, and at-risk teens.

Project LEDO

Project LEDO is a nonprofit that focuses on providing access to STEM programs for children from low-income and BIPOC communities. Their DCF project is for one EV, along with one charging station. This project will allow Project LEDO to transport their staff and materials throughout the Portland metro area to support their LEGO Robotics program and STEM workshops, while reducing logistical and operational costs arising from staff using their personal vehicles. This project will serve over 400 students, many of whom are BIPOC.

Portland State University Foundation

The Portland State University Foundation is a nonprofit that raises and manages philanthropic gifts in support of the mission and priorities of Portland State University. Their DCF project includes six electric cargo bikes that will be used by their Transportation Research and Education Center (TREC) to promote their Mobile Learning Laboratory to re-engage with students and the community face-to-face. This engagement will allow the general community to see and feel TREC's research at various community and PSU events, along with promoting the benefits of e-bikes.

Raices de Bienestar

Raices de Bienestar is a nonprofit passionate about improving the emotional health and wellbeing of Latinx communities through community engagement practices and creating safe healing spaces. Their DCF project is for one electric van, along with a charging station. This project will give Raices de Bienestar an electric mobile health and outreach vehicle, giving the nonprofit the ability to deliver culturally responsible mental health services and community programs to Latino people.

Volunteers of America Oregon



Volunteers of America Oregon (VoA Oregon) is an affiliate of the larger Volunteers of America nonprofit, specializing in family safety, substance use, behavioral health, and reentry from the criminal justice system. VoA Oregon's DCF project provides four EVs, along with two Level 2 chargers. These resources will support their services including justice-involved youth in their Community Monitoring Program and enhancing engagement efforts for men undergoing substance use treatment at their Men's Residential Treatment Center.

Westside Transportation Alliance

Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA) is a nonprofit that works with their member organizations to offer workplace services and programs that encourage their employees to commute to work by transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycling, teleworking, and walking. Their DCF project includes two e-bikes along with a cargo trailer for hauling. WTA plans to use these items to support their programming and eliminate the need for personal or rental vehicles, reducing their environmental impact, and engaging their community by promoting the benefits of e-bikes at various community and employer events.

Youth Progress

Youth Progress is a nonprofit that serves young people in the juvenile justice and foster care systems, providing them with safe and stable housing along with opportunities to grow, learn, and succeed. Youth Progress' DCF project is for one EV, along with two charging ports. The EV and charger will replace the nonprofit's current gas-powered van used to transport the youth to their activities. The DCF project will continue to support Youth Progress in their mission to support BIPOC children with access to education, therapy, medical, housing, and other services.

