

Community Outreach Grants

The Portland Garden Club awarded \$32,500 in Community Outreach grants in 2021. The following programs received grant awards.

EDUCATION

depave \$2000

depave is dedicated to “removing over-paved surfaces and creating natural landscapes in underserved communities” Last year PGC awarded \$2500 to support the school yard transformation project at Power Butte Elementary School. This year’s grant funds native plantings for the final section of the same project.

Eco-School Network \$2500

Eco School Network’s mission is “to equip parents and students to lead school communities towards sustainability” It provides free training, mentorships, resources and coaching to parents, teachers and students for school gardens and habitat enhancements. Our grant will help restore 9 school gardens which have fallen into disrepair during the quarantine.

Friends of Fort Vancouver \$1900

Funds from this grant will be matched by the National Park Service to create a video “virtual tour” of the two gardens at Fort Vancouver. The Confluence and Land Bridge of Indigenous Plants and the Hudson Bay Company Garden. The video will be presented to over 17,000 students and visitors to Fort Vancouver.

Growing Gardens “Youth Grow” Program \$2500

This grant will fund garden materials and supplies for 11 schools garden programs to repair and refurbish garden beds neglected during the quarantine. Growing Gardens has been supported by The PGC several times. The committee felt supporting this program after quarantine would be a great way to help its community “reboot”.

Scouters Mountain PTA \$500

This grant will fund a bank stabilization project at Scouter Mountain Elementary School located in the North Clackamas district. This PTA-sponsored project will provide educational opportunities for students and families on plantings, soil erosion and gardening skills. Our grant covers the purchase of native plants.

Zenger Farm \$1000

Zenger Farm, a 24-acre organic teaching farm in outer East Portland was granted funding to complete plantings at a newly re-terraced Children’s Garden. The farm, gardens and staff provide unique outdoor and gardening experiences for the diverse youth population in its neighborhood.

PORTLAND PARKS

Friends of Wilshire Park \$3000

Wilshire Park is located in the Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood of Northeast Portland. This grant will fund the purchase of “midlevel layer” trees and large shrubs to create habitat for birds, pollinators, and other species throughout this urban green space. The project contributes to the well-established effort to reintroduce native habitat and beautiful greenery to educate and entertain the public. Friends works with Portland Parks to maintain the plantings.

Friends of Pier Park \$2000

This grant will provide funding towards a “Woodland Garden” project at this park in the St. John’s neighborhood. An understory of native plantings will be installed beneath existing Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar. Friends will partner with Portland Park’s to care for the new additions.

Friends of Columbia Park \$2000

The Friends of Columbia Park, located in North Portland, were granted funds to replace diseased and dying evergreen shrubs along the western border of the park with a new mixed border of disease resistant trees and shrubs. This new habitat will attract pollinators and provide shelter for birds and wildlife. Friends work closely with the Portland Parks staff.

Friends of Peninsula Park \$2000

This grant will provide funding towards the creation, construction, and installation of three high quality interpretive signs for The Pollinator Gardens. The signs will enhance and direct meaningful connections between the visitor and the landscape with graphics and text.

CONSERVATION, BOTANICAL GARDENS

Wild Salmon Center \$4000

This grant will help produce a video series, a photo portfolio, local media advertisements and digital materials to educate the public and Tillamook State Forest visitors about the Habitat Conservation Plan. This plan, if approved, will protect 250,000 acres, safeguarding the coastal freshwater ecosystem and fish and wildlife habitat. Approval from the Federal Government under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is necessary, and Oregonians need to be aware of how vital it is that the plan be approved.

Lord and Schryver Conservancy \$1600

This grant will fund the purchase and installation of practical water conservation devices in the historic Gaiety Hollow Garden in Salem. The two-fold goal is to reduce water consumption and educate garden visitors about simple and affordable water saving practices for home gardens.

Leach Botanical Garden \$2000

This grant will contribute an informational kiosk and multi-language flipbooks to educate and update visitors to the Back 5 Acres restorations project. Last year PGC provided funding for signage. This year that will be enhanced by translating and updating information into several languages that reflect the diverse nature of that East Portland neighborhood.

Johnson Creek Watershed Council \$2000

The Council is a partner organization in the Back 5 project at Leach Botanical Garden. This grant will fund the purchase of native plant stock for the Back 5. The garden is cared for by diverse groups including Leach Garden Friends, David Douglas High School students, Wisdom of the Elders, Blueprint Foundation, and others.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Neighborhood House Emergency Food Box Garden \$625

This grant provides funds to purchase maturing vegetable starts to grow and harvest for the Neighborhood House Emergency Food Box program. The volunteer program plans to produce 1000-1500 pounds of food for 1400 individuals and families enrolled in the program.

Neighborhood House School Program at MLK Jr. School \$750

This grant will provide funding to repair and plant existing garden beds at the school site where Neighborhood House provides distance learning support and childcare.

Neighborhood House Scattered Garden \$625

Funding from this grant will provide plant starts to interested neighbors and community/school gardens for the purpose of growing produce to donate to the Neighborhood Emergency Food Box. The 2020 pilot of this program resulted in 600 pounds of produce. This year's goal is 1500 pounds.

Multnomah County Master Gardeners \$1500

For a pergola to be built in the garden as a greeting site and location for demonstration classes.