



About the Community Engagement Grant Program

In 2013, the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and the Community Partners Council (CPC) collaborated to support the capacity of community-based organizations to provide relevant programming for people with disabilities and their families. The partners invited Oregon-based non-profit organizations to apply for grants of up to \$1000 to fund programming in the areas of spirituality and sibling support. In 2015, the grant program was expanded to include programming that promotes the health of individuals with disabilities.

2017-2018 Awards

- Creating Opportunities of Mid-Willamette Valley: \$1000 for **Family Empowerment Training Series**, an event series for children with I/DD, siblings and parents to strengthen family relationships and encourage parent empowerment.
- FACT Oregon in Portland: \$1000 for **All Ability Tri4Youth triathlon**, a youth and family triathlon where kids of all abilities compete side by side and together and demonstrate that inclusive communities are stronger communities.
- L'Arche Portland: \$1000 for **Extending Community**, a program expansion to focus on community building, spirituality, and leadership by people with I/DD.
- Supporting Access to Independent Living in Portland: \$1000 for **Healthy Cooking** program, weekly classes teaching nutrition and hands on cooking skills to SAIL residents.
- The Arc of Multnomah Clackamas in Portland: \$1000 for **NEED-Nutrition Education Equity** for People with Disabilities program, a project aimed at building community around food including cooking classes, support groups and video cookbooks.
- United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon & SW Washington: \$1000 for the 18th **UCP Family Conference**, workshops designed to inform, educate, and improve the mental health of parents of children with I/DD for more effective parenting.

2016-2017 Awards

- Autism Society of Oregon in Portland: \$1000 for **Autism First Responder & Community Training** in Eastern Oregon, a resource responding to a critical need to educate First Responders about the unique safety challenges of those with autism.
- Blind Ambition in Portland: \$1000 for the **Blind Ambition Dragon Boat Racing Team** travel to attend the Tempe AZ Regatta, an event including a disability awareness race.
- L'Arche in Portland: \$975 for core members and their support participants to attend the regional member retreat **Walking Deeper Into Shared Life: Supporting the Core Member Retreat**, an event to build stronger relationships and deepen their own feelings of belonging.
- Mittleman Jewish Community Center in Portland: \$1000 for **Providing Opportunities for People with Disabilities to Play Electric Hockey in Mittleman Gymnasium**, a program to continue offering a reduced-rate gym rental.

- Upward Bound Camp in Gates: \$1000 for expanding **Day Camps**, programming for adults with disabilities and their caregivers, to include outdoor recreation.
- United Cerebral Palsy in Portland: \$1000 for **Sibshops**, workshops for the siblings of children with I/DD that acknowledge their unique and shared experiences and celebrate their contributions.

2015-2016 Awards

- Central Oregon Disability Support Network in Bend: \$1000 for **Yoga Calm with SuperFlex Classes**, a series teaching relaxation techniques to help calm the body and manage strong feelings for children with I/DD.
- Independent Living Resources in Portland: \$1000 for a **Peer-Guided "Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction" Training**, a staff training to promote ILR's peer-based model for application to the lives of ILR consumers.
- L'Arche in Portland: \$800 for **Extended Community Retreat**, a community building event with the theme of "belonging."
- Northwest Down Syndrome Association in Portland: \$1000 for the **All Born (In) Reciprocal Learning Community Workshop**, an event for parents of children with I/DD and the professionals that support them, with the topic "Physical Therapy: Keeping It Fun! What Really Matters to Your Family."
- United Cerebral Palsy in Portland: \$900 for **Sibshops**, workshops for the siblings of children with I/DD that acknowledge their unique and shared experiences and celebrate their contributions.
- Institute on Development and Disability in Portland: \$1000 for **IDD Transition Fair**, a health information resource fair and activity workshop related to transitioning into adulthood for young people (ages 12-26) who experience disability.
- Autism Society of Oregon in Portland: \$985 for **Native American Sibling Support Group**, a resource open to all siblings of children with disabilities, with an emphasis on Native American culture.

2014-2015 Awards

- Congregation Neveh Shalom of Portland: \$940 for **Social & Educational Inclusion Training for Professionals and Parents**, a training for staff to create and implement Individual Education Plans for students with special needs by working with an expert in special education who also understands the goals and context of the Neveh Shalom learning program, including learning to read Hebrew as a second language.
- Family and Community Together (FACT) of Clackamas: \$1000 for **Inclusive Communities Access Project - Communities of Faith**, to develop the Inclusive Communities Access Project (ICAP), which will create and implement technical assistance to families and communities of faith by demonstrating increased access, greater levels of participation, and increased inclusion and disability awareness in communities of faith.
- Families for Community of Eagle Point: \$1000 for **Sibshops of the Rogue Valley**, to create Sibshop event days for individuals who have siblings with disability to create autonomy and learning of disability fashioned into fun, physical and non-physical activities.
- Oregon Technical Assistance Corporation (OTAC) of Salem: \$1000 for **Empowering Siblings Through Person-Centered Practices**, to develop person-centered approaches identifying the support needs and highlight the strengths of children/teens that have a sibling, including a one-day workshop for families.

2013-2014 Awards

- Interfaith Disabilities Network of Oregon, Portland: \$1000 for **Beyond the Ramp 2014: Treat Me as a Member, Not a Mission**, a conference designed to help people with disabilities enjoy inclusion in their religious environment, and to assist religious institutions in how to encourage people with disabilities to take a more active role in their religious community.
- Klamath Lutheran Church, Klamath Falls: \$1000 for **Handicap Accessible Entrance Feasibility Study**, conducted in order to develop project plans that meet specifications for contractor bidding resulting in the construction of a covered walkway leading to the lower level of their building.
- United Cerebral Palsy / Autism Society of Oregon, Portland awarded \$1000 for **Sibling Support Workshop: "SibShops"**, a training for providers across Oregon to create groups for siblings of people with disabilities that work to strengthen the sibling relationships so more natural supports will be in place for children and adults with I/DD.
- Community of Christ Church, Hillsboro: \$1000 for **ADA Access**, a project to build an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp with handrails to provide access to everyone onto the stage in the sanctuary.