



2009 SE Uplift Grant Projects

Organization & Project Title	Amount Funded	Project Summary
African Women's Coalition, <i>African Refugee & Immigrant Stand for Empowerment (ARISE) project</i>	\$2000	The ARISE project will work with Somali Bantu women within the coalition area to build leadership and community organizing skills and raise awareness about rental housing rights and Portland's schools system. Through education and skill building, the goal is to eliminate oppression and help to engage Somali women in their community and the local PTA.
Andisheh Center, <i>Laurelhurst International Festival</i>	\$2500	An International Music Festival will be held to bring music and performers from Latin America, the Middle East and other parts of Asia to the Laurelhurst neighborhood. The goal of the event is to build community and relationships among the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association and diverse cultural groups in the area.
Arleta Triangle Project, <i>Communicating Neighborhood Identity through Public Gathering Spaces</i>	\$1233	The installation of an archway sign, a green-powered lighting system and a community kiosk at the Arleta Triangle Project, an underused piece of public property that has been in the process of transformation into a gathering space and neighborhood icon since 2004. These elements will make the space more inviting for community members and help to generate involvement in neighborhood events and projects.
Asian Health & Service Center, <i>Eighth Annual Asian Community Health Fair</i>	\$2484	Increase the reach and effectiveness of the annual Asian Community Health Fair, which provides free health care to isolated, elderly Asian community members. Funds will help to increase targeted outreach efforts, add an additional outdoor canopy to serve more clients and provide stipends and food for interpreters and volunteers.
Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association, <i>Multilingual Mailing</i>	\$2700	Develop and mail a multi-lingual informational flyer from the Brentwood Darlington Neighborhood Association to all area residents. This mailing will be translated into five languages and will include an invitation to community events and provide information about

neighborhood association activities and committees to generate additional community involvement. The project will help with efforts to reaching and engage new and diverse neighbors.

Chess for Success, <i>Chess for Success After-School Program</i>	\$2250	Provide after-school chess clubs in several neighborhood schools and provide training for community volunteers to support the clubs. Chess for Success will enrich the communities where clubs are located by giving low-income students an outlet in which to learn and thrive. The schools and children that participate will not be required to pay anything, as a result of grant funding.
Creative Science School PTA, <i>Earth Day Celebration Event</i>	\$1000	Expand the Creative Science School's Earth Day event to a community-wide celebration. Funds will be used for event-related expenses as well as for outreach materials to draw in community members for a day of education, relationship building and fun.
Groundwork Portland, <i>Our Portland</i>	\$2800	Support a collaborative community organizing and art project focused on the issues of social capital and neighborhood cohesion in the Foster Powell and Mt. Scott Arleta neighborhoods. A series of events and activities including a PhotoVoice project, community tours, interviews, an art opening and a community forum will help to engage and educate community members.
Jim Bridger PTA, <i>Bridger Bikes Montavilla</i>	\$2143	A neighborhood family bike ride event to raise awareness about bike safety, familiarize participants with areas of interest in the Montavilla neighborhood and bring together Bridger families, staff, and PTA members, neighborhood residents, the neighborhood association, local businesses and community groups. Funds will help to subsidize the cost of the bike safety education program, pay for event-related expenses, marketing materials and promotional items for participants.
Kerns Neighborhood Association, <i>Kerns Neighborhood Bicycle Safety & Awareness Day</i>	\$1850	The Kerns Neighborhood Association will host a Bicycle Awareness and Safety event, dedicated to making the neighborhood a fun and safe place to ride bicycles. Funds will cover the cost of project materials with the Kerns logo and promotional materials to raise awareness about the neighborhood association.
Miracle Theatre Group, <i>Miracle Neighborhood Initiative</i>	\$2200	Expand summer arts programming to include a dance class for children and a Spanish language acting class for adults. Grant funds will be utilized for programming, but mostly to increase outreach efforts to the local community through the printing and distribution of flyers, saturated

mailings, newspaper articles, banners and other targeted methods.

Montavilla Community Foot Patrol, <i>Community Involvement through Public Safety</i>	\$2869	In an attempt to increase involvement in the Montavilla Foot Patrol and build community, grant funds will be used for outreach materials and event-related expenses for a Movie in the Park event. A new partnership with youth from Africa House will help to increase effectiveness of outreach efforts.
Moreland Farmers Market, <i>Moreland Farmers Market: Opening & Closing Day Events</i>	\$1000	Expand the reach of opening & closing day events at the Moreland Farmers Market, with a lift-equipped shuttle service for transportation, additional outreach for the EBT food stamp machines and stipends for a youth band at their events.
Mt. Scott Community Center, <i>Mt. Scott-Arleta Community Mural</i>	\$2750	The Mt. Scott Teen Volunteer Corps will be working with local business owners, community members and a local artist to create a mural on graffiti tagged wall near the community center. As a result of this project, graffiti will be deterred, a collaborative community art piece will be created, leadership skills will be increased among at-risk youth and new relationships will be built.
Portland Impact, <i>Early Childhood Fathering Group</i>	\$3250	Develop the Early Childhood Fathering Groups' pilot project, which help to engage and educate fathers, a group traditionally underrepresented in parenting programs. Bimonthly social gatherings will be held to strengthen the father-child relationship, ensure fathers have access to resources and create a community of support.
Richmond Neighborhood Association, <i>Movie in the Park</i>	\$900	Provide pre-movie entertainment including music, a rock wall and refreshments for two Portland Parks and Recreation Movies in the Park events. This event will help to build community and involvement in the neighborhood association and will serve as an enjoyable community and family friendly event.
Sellwood Moreland Improvement League, <i>Sellwood Middle School Community Building Project</i>	\$3000	The Sellwood Middle School, in partnership with Portland State University, aims to build community through participation in the construction, maintenance and use of a community greenhouse on school grounds. Funds will be used for promotional materials to generate interest and awareness in the "Sustainable Sellwood Festival," a groundbreaking ceremony open to the community.

Society for Haitian Arts & Culture, <i>Society for Haitian Arts & Culture</i>	\$1500	Funds will support event-related expenses for the annual Caribbean Festival and promotional materials to raise the organization's visibility and general awareness of Portland's Haitian American community.
South Tabor Neighborhood Association, <i>Get Help! Fair 2009</i>	\$1210	A neighborhood association fair to bring neighbors together for a day of food and entertainment, but also to raise awareness about free and low-cost services available to sustain physical, emotional and financial health. The event will benefit neighbors, by ensuring access to community resources, help to raise awareness of and generate involvement in the neighborhood association and provide new opportunities for members of underrepresented groups to become civically involved by inviting diverse community participants to table at the event.
Sunnyside United Methodist Church, <i>Sunnyside Community Renovation Project</i>	\$1250	Provide the materials for a community workday to renovate two bathrooms in a community center space. These bathrooms primarily serve homeless community members staying in the church's seasonal shelter and multiple community-based organizations that serve underrepresented populations and neighborhood youth.
Sunnyside Swap Shop Co-Op, <i>Sunnyside Neighborhood Useful Goods Exchange</i>	\$950	Promotion and event-related expenses for the third annual Useful Goods Exchange, an event held in conjunction with the neighborhood cleanup where unwanted items can be unloaded and either traded or purchased by those in need. The event will be held in partnership with the Sunnyside Swap Shop Co-Op, the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and the Sunnyside Environmental School.
Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, <i>Day Labor Voices: An Expanded Outreach Strategy</i>	\$4075	Creation of an organizational newsletter to tell the stories of local day laborers and promote activities and events to local residents and businesses. As a result of the newsletter project, day laborers will have the opportunity to build community with their neighbors and increase skills for future employment. This innovative project will help to connect day laborers with their community and build vital leadership skills.