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City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement & Office of Management and Finance, Grants Division, Special appropriations, AWARD \$350,000 for Portland United Against Hate (PUAH)

PORTLAND, OR – The City of Portland today announced the grant awardees for the Portland United Against Hate, Special Appropriations funding set aside by City Council as a part of the 2017-18FY adopted budget. These funds were set aside to build our community’s capacity to rapidly respond to incidents of hate, document those incidents, and for providing free culturally appropriate training and support to people in Portland to combat hate.

The following community-based nonprofits have been awarded funds:

African Youth and Community Organization
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon Communities United Fund
As the Spirit Moves
Coalition of Communities of Color
Fair Housing Council
Immigrant Refugee Community Organization, Africa House
Latino Network
Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling
Lutheran Community Services Northwest
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Q Center
Unite Oregon

The competitive grant funding opportunity received 65 applications, totaling over \$2.1 Million dollars in ask. Grant applications varied in size of ask from \$1,000 up to the full amount allowable per applicant of \$35,000. The breadth and scope of applicants revealed a serious need, and a desire for, community response to address the increasing rise in hate speech and crimes.

The grant review committee was comprised of community members and City staff. The committee balanced many priorities in the review process, including geographic location, specific vulnerable communities served, as well as trying to fund as many groups possible within the allotted \$350,000 appropriation.

“We need to stand together as a community to help make Portland a safer and more welcoming place for all of us,” stated Commissioner Eudaly, the Commissioner in Charge of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

The grant funding is for one year ending in June of 2018.

The City is in the process of finalizing the hiring of a PUAH program specialist to support and help coordinate the efforts of this broad coalition.

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