



## Blue Sky Funders Forum - The Story of Us Webinar

In January, Gray FF hosted a listening and feedback session on a shared narrative being developed by the partners and members of [Blue Sky Funders Forum](#),



a national collaborative of grantmakers focused on learning, connecting and growing philanthropy that supports the benefits of environmental literacy and connecting people to the outdoors.

We are excited to invite you to hear an update on the "[The Story of Us](#)", a new shared narrative to advance and expand the movement to connect people and nature.

Through a collaborative, multi-year process, Blue Sky Funders Forum has developed a narrative that is centered on shared values around strong communities and an equitable, inclusive, diverse society. In uniting around this shared narrative, we aim to ensure that everyone has positive experiences outdoors and shares the joy, health, growth, and sense of community that come with it.

You can register for one of two open webinars (all are welcome):  
August 13, 11 am PT: [Register here](#)  
August 27, 11 am PT: [Register here](#)

Over the coming months, we are excited to engage with Blue Sky to develop communications tools and support additional ways for you to participate. I hope that you will continue to engage in this important work.

## Grantee Story: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

With support from the Gray Family Foundation, Salmon Camp, a program of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish



Commission, has been going strong since 2010.

[Read the full grantee story>>](#)

## Upcoming Gray FF Grant Deadlines

**Camp Maintenance:** Grants to residential camp facilities that have maintenance and improvement needs.

**Letters of Interest Deadline:** September 16, 2019

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**Outdoor School Program:** Planning grants for schools or districts and outdoor school providers, and program grants to schools or student groups currently ineligible to apply for OSU Extension outdoor school funding.

**Letters of Interest Deadline:** October 1, 2019

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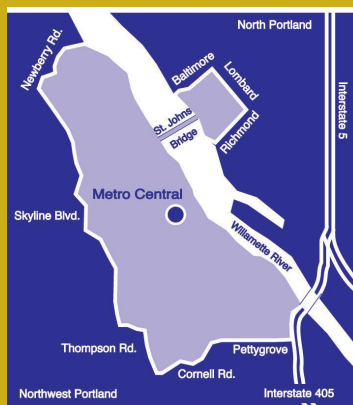
**Environmental Education:** Grants to support schools and organizations providing outdoor field experiences for 3rd-8th grade students, as well as educator professional development, planning, and capacity-building.

**Updated RFP Posted & Application Opens:** October 1, 2019

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2019

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## METRO Central Enhancement Grants Available

**Application Deadline: 9/13/2019**

Community enhancement grants are designed to serve people who may be negatively impacted by having a waste transfer station located within their community. Projects must occur within the target area that stretches along the west side of the Willamette River from the Northwest Neighborhood Association to Linnton, along

with an area around the St. Johns Bridge within North Portland's Cathedral Park neighborhood.

[Learn more & apply](#)



*The Gray Family Foundation is founded on the belief that fostering an understanding and appreciation of our natural world is a crucial part of a child's education. By supporting programs such as Outdoor School, geography education and professional development for teachers, we seek to give Oregon students a greater understanding of the world outside their classroom. Learn more at [www.grayff.org](http://www.grayff.org)*

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