

Announcing our Spring 2021 Grant Recipients

Gray Family Foundation would like to share our [2021 grantees in our Geography Education, Camp Maintenance, and Outdoor School programs](#). We are grateful to each of the organizations across Oregon working to connect youth to communities, culture, and the natural environment. We appreciate the opportunity to share in this work and to continue to learn from our grantees. We also want to give a special shout out to the [Center for Geography Education](#) and [Oregon Science Project's](#) Rural Learning Collaborative for their support in launching and supporting outreach for our Geography Education grant opportunity this spring. They both are offering amazing opportunities for educators this summer that we encourage you to check out.

If you have questions about our grant priorities or any of the projects listed in our grant list, please feel free to reach out to Nell Tessman, Program Officer, at ntessman@grayff.org.

Meet Gray Family Foundation's 2021 Emerging Leaders Intern: Nashoni Whitlock

[The Emerging Leaders Internship \(ELI\) Program](#) matches underrepresented college students—first-generation students, low-income students, and students of color—with paid internships and mentorship at top Portland companies. Gray Family Foundation is pleased to welcome Nashoni Whitlock to our team this summer. Nashoni will support our communications and storytelling efforts as well as engage with our Youth Leadership for the Environment grantee cohort.

Nashoni is currently pursuing a degree in communications and marketing from Portland State University. She is active in the Native American community as a volunteer for NAYA, which serves Indigenous youth by assisting them with their college applications and general tutoring. Nashoni has a strong passion and interest in serving BIPOC communities with her strong work ethic, willingness to collaborate and learn from peers and leaders in the community. She is dedicated to using her creativity and desire to serve the community to change the status quo. Nashoni also has the unique honor of being the first FAA certified female Navajo drone pilot in Oregon. We are thrilled to have Nashoni join our team this summer.



Summer Learning Grants

State of Oregon, OCF is awarding \$40 million for K-12 youth to participate in community-based learning, enrichment, and recreation programs offered through non-profits and public agencies across the state during summer 2021. This includes environmental education and outdoor learning programs. Priority will be placed on programs that specifically support students experiencing [the opportunity gap](#) and from communities disproportionately impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic and related crises. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

2021 Nature in Neighborhoods community stewardship and restoration grants application is now available

Groups throughout greater Portland are encouraged to apply for the Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grants. These grants provide opportunities to support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature. The community stewardship and restoration grants program will award \$700,000 this year. Projects can be completed in one, two or three years. Large grants are up to \$100,000 and small grants are up to \$50,000. Metro hopes to fund a mix of smaller and larger projects, in order to maximize the number and variety of organizations that participate in this funding opportunity.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Metro [Community Stewardship and Restoration grants](#) and fill out a simple application by June 22, 2021.