

## Announcing \$1 Million Grant to Support Outdoor School

Gray Family Foundation is proud to announce our largest gift to date—one that we have made to ensure outdoor school is, and continues to be, a transformative experience for every student in Oregon.



We believe outdoor school is an integral part of children's education. To help ensure the future of this essential program, the foundation has awarded [Friends of Outdoor School](#) a \$1 million unrestricted gift that will support Friends' capacity-building and advocacy efforts. Oregon Community Foundation will manage the funds in trust for the nonprofit over the course of the next 10 years.

What does this gift mean for outdoor school students? [Read More.](#)

## 2022 Gray Family Foundation Grant Recipients



Gray Family Foundation is excited to share that our board has approved grants totaling \$786,000 to 37 organizations. Awards were made in our Environmental Education, Geography Education, Outdoor School, and Camp Maintenance programs. We are honored to share in this work and look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn in collaboration with our grantees. [Click here](#) to see our grant recipients.

If you have questions about our grant priorities or any of the projects listed on our grant list, please reach out to Nell Tessman, Program Officer, at [ntessman@grayff.org](mailto:ntessman@grayff.org).

## Organizations currently accepting proposals

### OAESD Summer Learning Grant Program

The Oregon State Legislature committed an additional \$50 million for summer learning programs provided to community-based organizations across the state through grants administered by the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD).

The focus of these grants is to prioritize those students experiencing disabilities and other student communities who have been historically underserved. These funds are designed to continue the equity work started in 2021 and to continue to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on those student communities most affected. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants

Does your organization offer young people of color work training in parks and natural areas? Maybe you have a partnership that introduces refugees and new residents to the

outdoors in greater Portland? Or do you teach school kids how nature connects to their STEM classes? Do you hope to create a program that advances resiliency to climate change, improves water quality, restores fish and wildlife habitat, or connects people to nature? Metro's Nature in Neighborhood nature education and outdoor experiences grants support programs like these. Applications must be submitted by May 17th. [Click here](#) to learn more.

**Upcoming Event:  
Cornell Online  
Course -  
Environmental  
Education &  
Community  
Engagement**

Cornell University invites you to join their 4-week online course "Environmental Education & Community Engagement" starting May 16th. This online course will help you create partnerships between environmental education programs, communities, and community members to achieve shared goals through stewardship or advocacy. Participants who complete the course are awarded a Cornell University certificate. The cost is \$60 (strongly encouraged) but they accept participants who are only able to pay less or who are not able to pay. [Learn more and register here.](#)