

## 2022 Gray Family Foundation Grant Recipients

At our August board meeting, Gray Family Foundation approved grants totaling \$560,000 to 14 organizations.

[Awards](#) were made in our Youth Leadership for the Environment, Camp Maintenance programs, and our Action Fund to Advance Equity Initiative. We appreciate each organization across Oregon working to connect youth to communities, culture, and the natural environment. We are grateful for the opportunity to share in this work and to continue to learn from our grantees.



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](mailto:ntessman@grayff.org).

## Gray Family Foundation Spotlights our Grantees

Gray Family Foundation would like to acknowledge our grantees for their many contributions in the American Latinx community. Here are some highlights of their work:

[Adelante Mujeres](#) in partnership with Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District provides culturally specific youth programming services on environmental education and career pathways to 4th-12th grade students in Beaverton. This program engages middle school Latina youth in environmental education and leadership opportunities.



[CAPACES Leadership Institute's Anahuac Program](#) provides youth leadership development opportunities centered around cultural-identity and the relationship between youth, their families, and the land. Located in Woodburn and Turner, Anahuac provides

learning and leadership opportunities for youth and families in areas such as agriculture, culinary skills, Indigenous languages, community gardening, and cultural ceremonies. In the past year the program has served approximately 500-1,000 youth and family members with 100 consistent participants from middle and high schools.

[Euvalcree](#) in partnership with Friends of Owyhee, support youth leadership development and outdoor education experiences for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students by providing two-week long Outdoor Education and Leadership camps . Euvalcree incorporates its leadership development curriculum with outdoor education and stewardship program and experience from Friends of Owyhee to create a culturally specific, linguistically appropriate, and youth-centric curriculum that maximizes youth engagement and stewardship.

[Latino Network](#) is piloting a program to support Latinx, Black, and Indigenous youth with culturally-responsive programming that connects youth to their family's history and their experiences of place and migration.

[Verde](#) provides environmental education programming focused on youth and families living in a Hacienda sites in Cully and Gresham in Portland.

These grantees use their platform to uplift and provide access as well as opportunities for many in the Latinx community. Gray Family Foundation appreciates their commitment to youth in Oregon.

## Blue Sky Funders Forum: Executive Director Search

The [Blue Sky Funders Forum](#) is searching for its next leader. The board is partnering with [Walker and Associates Consulting](#) to identify a collaborative, strategic, and motivated new Executive Director. The Executive Director will play an integral role in facilitating and surfacing the vision for existing programs and leading on new initiatives. Blue Sky is encouraging organizations to share this role within your networks. [Click here](#) for more information about the position, how to apply, and ways to spread the word.