



## Coming together to empower Oregon's youth

Gray Family Foundation began October with a road trip from Portland to Bend for our Youth Leadership for the Environment Convening. With staff from more than 18 youth serving organizations throughout the state, we met for two days of connection and workshops including topics like trauma informed care and cultural agility. We were also joined by five youth who have been involved in Gray FF grantee programs. These youth spoke about their experiences as leaders. We were able to ask questions and hear from their perspective how best to support youth leadership. We are grateful for the wisdom and for all the hard work put in during these two days by all participants! Special thanks to everyone who attended the event.

## GenThrive Survey

We have extended the deadline to our national data collection effort for Oregon through [Gen:Thrive](#), a collaborative initiative that provides shared data and technology tools to accelerate sustainability education and advance health, equity and climate resilience in K-12 youth and schools. Currently, more than 30 states have been mapped providing our field with the tools, information, and insights needed to foster the next generation of resilient sustainability leaders. We are partnering with the Environmental Education Association of Oregon, the Oregon Farm to School, School Garden Network, Friends of Outdoor School, and OSU Outdoor School to create a comprehensive outreach list of more than 1,000 providers across the state.

Your voice and knowledge is important to us in compiling a comprehensive picture of programming in our state and we hope you'll participate in this analysis about your organization / service / group and its programming through the Gen:Thrive survey.

If you did not receive an email and you are interested in participating, please email us at [grants@grayff.org](mailto:grants@grayff.org) and we can send you an invite to complete the survey.

## Grantee Highlight: Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council teams up with many area partners, including environmental nonprofits, tribal organizations, and state agencies to provide immersive outdoor education experiences for students in Lane County.

“One of the strengths of a Regional Education approach is that we have committed staff for education, and having us housed out of one location with regional connection has allowed us to build strong partnerships,” says MFWWC Education Program Manager, Emma Garner. Check out the full story [here](#).



## Funding Opportunities

**Justice Outside** is accepting applications for their 2025 Rising Leaders Fellowship. For eight months, fellows will have the opportunity learn and have conduct meaningful community building opportunities that include an in-person gathering in Los Angeles and as well virtual sessions accessible anywhere in the U.S. Application are being accepted until November 29, 2024. To learn more the fellowship visit <https://justiceoutside.org/programs/rising-leaders-fellowship/>.

**East Multnomah Soli & Water Conservation District** is accepting application for their 2025 Partners in Conservation grant. Approximately \$800,000 is available and grant awards range from is \$5,000 to \$70,000 for up to two years in duration to complete. Applications are being accepted until 4pm PST December 17<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

**Philanthropy NW's** EPA Environmental Justice is now accepting applications for their Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. Now until December you can watch past webinars and sign up for upcoming webinars. The deadline to submit an application is December 15th. [Click here](#) to learn more and the program and apply.

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