

Standing Together for Philanthropic Freedom

Gray Family Foundation is proud to stand united with more than 500 of our philanthropic peers behind our First Amendment right to give in ways that reflect and support our values. Our freedom to give goes beyond just philanthropy. It is about safeguarding the health, safety, and future of our democracy and modeling a commitment to our shared humanity. You can read the public statement [here](#).



Youth Leadership for the Environment Convening

This spring, we gathered staff from our Youth Leadership for the Environment grantee cohort in Portland for two and half days of connecting, learning, and sharing. We are so grateful for the work of these youth-serving organizations in building leadership skills and pathways to environmental work for high school age youth across Oregon.

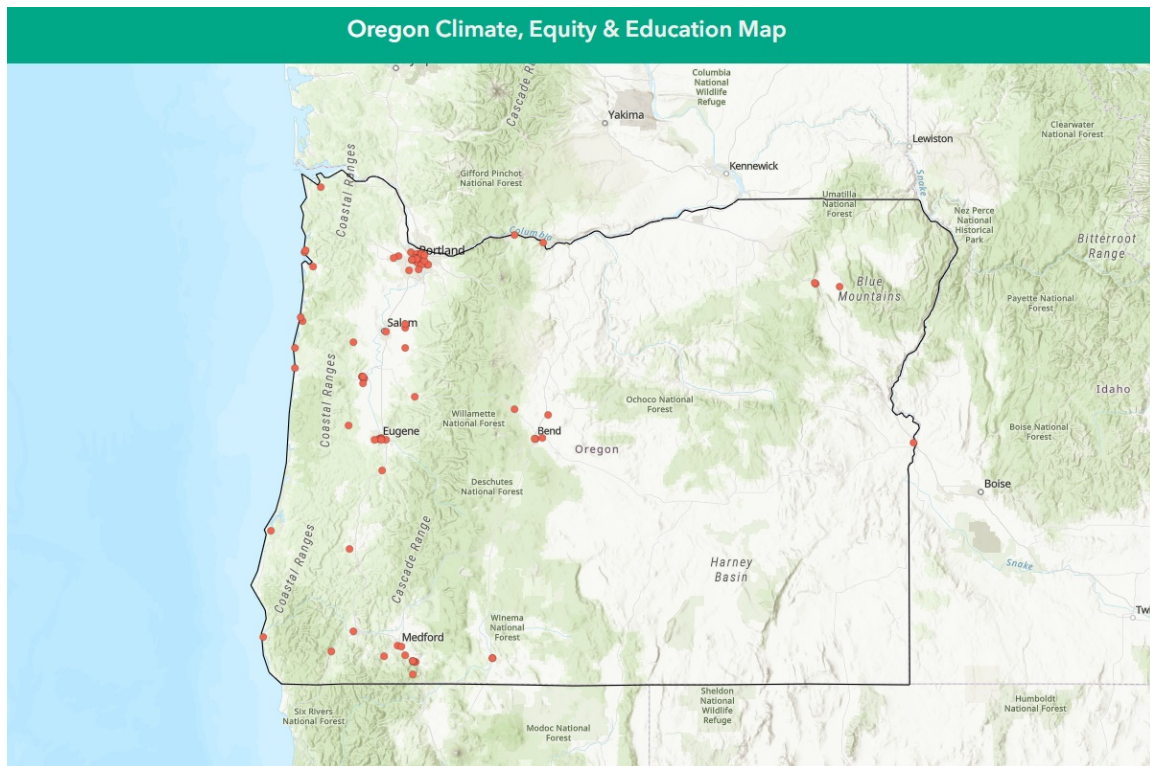
The cohort participated in sessions on Collective Impact and shared visioning work with facilitator Janet Soto Rodriguez. There were also opportunities for hands on learning with site visits to the Oak Savanna led by the Portland State University [Indigenous Traditional Ecological and Cultural Knowledge](#) (ITECK) team, and the [Learning Gardens Laboratory](#), where folks were invited to get their hands a little dirty. We look forward to continuing to learn together throughout the year.

Mapping Oregon's Environmental Education Landscape

This past fall Gray Family Foundation teamed up with Gen:Thrive to conduct a landscape analysis of environmental education in Oregon. [Gen:Thrive](#) is a national initiative that provides shared data and technology tools to accelerate environmental education and advance health, equity, and climate resilience with K-12 youth and schools. Many thanks to those who participated and added information. We are very excited to share out the updated Oregon directory [dashboards](#) and [GIS maps](#)! We hope this information will be helpful in better understanding the environmental education programs operating across our state and help schools and other community-based partners identify programs in their areas, as well as gaps in program providers across the state.

If you didn't have a chance to participate, there is still time! Please visit [Gen:Thrive](#) and search for your program to see if you've been sent a registration code. If you have not been sent a code or don't find your organization in the directory, please feel free to contact [Gen:Thrive](#), and they will send you a code. The more information we can collect for these

visual tools, the more useful they will be for schools, CBOs, and others interested in advancing access to environmental education for youth across Oregon.



Federal Readiness and Leverage Fund: Emergency Needs Requests

The [Federal Readiness and Leverage Fund](#) (FRLF) is a single, coordinated access point through which grantseekers can share requests with multiple grantmakers, streamlining access for participants and funders alike.

Due to current uncertainties in the federal and state funding landscape, the FRLF is accepting emergency needs requests from impacted organizations and jurisdictions in need of urgent support. Emergency requests are separate from the general FRLF process and are open to all Oregon nonprofits and jurisdictions impacted by recent federal funding shifts.

NAAEE: Call for Presentations

North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) seeks compelling presentation proposals for its 54th Annual Conference (November 3–6) and 22nd Research Symposium (October 30), taking place virtually. In the face of unprecedented global challenges, this 2025 virtual conference will highlight how we can move forward by harnessing our collective wisdom and diverse perspectives to create a more just and sustainable future. NAAEE is looking for expertise from around the world and encourages all to consider submitting proposals that speak to the overall theme, “Forward Together.” You can learn more and submit a proposal [here](#).

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