**Youth Action Grants 2013 Awards**

**Coordinated by PCC Sylvania’s ASPCC leaders,**

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**and funded by the City of Portland.**

**Project Name:** Deaf Blast and Ride

**Group Name:** All Hands In

**Youth Contact:** Cedric Armstrong

**Sponsor:**

Helen Cotton Leister

Hands & Voices

**Amount Granted: $970**

**Summary:** We will have a cool event for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Middle School kids and our families and a few Deaf college people. We will meet each other at a BBQ picnic and outdoor game time. Then we will all go mountain biking outdoors at Lumberyard. The parents will talk and get information on summer camps and ideas and opportunities for deaf kids/families and exchange addresses while we, the deaf kids and our brothers/sisters and the Deaf adults, get bike lessons and then ride on the beginner or intermediate ramps and paths. We will all make a plan to get together again before we leave so that we don’t have to say goodbye just see you next month!

**Project Name:** Lead with the Youth of Africa

**Group Name:** Africa House Youth Council

**Youth Contact:** Mariam Ngoye-Dogo

**Sponsor:**

Akberet Zemede

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

**Amount Granted: $**1000

**Summary:** Africa House Youth Council will organize a half-day leadership retreat for all African youth living in Portland. Retreat activities will include leadership development, team-building, conflict resolution/mediation training and gang prevention. Retreat will focus on moving beyond intercultural conflict between African youth and conflict between African youth and mainstream students. Retreat will encourage youth to become leaders within our communities and role models for our peers/families.

**Project Name:** Momentum & Youth Voice Party

**Group Name:** Momentum Alliance

**Youth Contact:** Joshua Howe

**Sponsor:**

LaQuisha Minnieweather

Momentum Alliance

**Amount Granted: $**1000

**Summary:** We are hosting a party meant to bring together broad array of organizations and the youth they work with. One of the main theme of this party will be empowering youth with disabilities. With this we are hoping to bring light to the situation that youth with disabilities do not always have a voice when it comes to the resources that are available and professional opportunities that match their skills and interest.

**Project Name:** Multnomah County YouthPass

**Group Name:** Bus Riders Unite Youth Working Group

**Youth Contact:** Jessie Osuna Mondragon

**Sponsor:**

Nicole Johnson

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

**Amount Granted:** $1000

**Summary:** OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, will advocate on behalf of a YouthPass transit benefit for all high school students in Multnomah County. OPAL is working with the youth contingent of the membership-based ground Bus Riders Unite to ensure that such benefit would be preserved through the 2012-13 school year despite the loss of its main funding source, the Business Energy Tax Credit, and will be planning via a series of monthly workshops for a winning campaign in the 2014-15 school year to extend this benefit to all Multnomah County school districts. Through consistent engagement and collaboration with Multnomah County youth, there is broad consensus that this benefit must be extended to East Portland school districts, and that sustainable funding must be developed to ensure that this program is prioritized and committed.

**Project Name:** Keeping our Communities Connected

**Group Name**: Oregon Queer Youth Summit Planning Committee

**Youth Contact:** Stefhannie-Josephine Calhoun

**Sponsor:**

Edgar Mendez

Cascade Aids Project

**Amount Granted:** $1000

**Summary:** This year we would like to expand OQYS (Oregon Queer Youth Summit) through live online streaming to those who are unable to attend and provide small scholarships to different GSAs and organizations around the state to attend as well as providing a small honorarium to the technical support that we find.

**Project Name:** Parkrose High School Multicultural Festival

**Group Name:** Students Working to Achieve Greatness in the Community (SWAG)

**Youth Contact:** Mayrangela Cervantes

**Sponsor:**

Travis Richardson

Portland Parks and Recreation

**Amount Granted:** $935

**Summary:** We want to organize a Multicultural Festival to happen at Parkrose High School on May 17, 2013 to unite and embrace our diverse community by showing the different cultures that make up our community. We are going to have booths where people from different cultures can have food and information about their culture. Also we will have performances that will show case the cultural groups at Parkrose.

**Project Name:** Rise Up

**Group Name:** Project Believe in Me

**Youth Contact:** Alex Horsey

**Sponsor:**

Barb McCullough-Jones

LGBTQ Community Center Fund (Q Center)

**Amount Granted:** $301

**Summary:** Rise Up is a campaign with many facets, but revolves around what we call Rise Up Encounters. We will print plastic cards (credit card size), each with a unique number. Youth will receive these cards and pass them on, whether it’s to someone who’s struggling, or someone inspiring- it’s open-ended. Youth then go online and submit their Rise Up Encounter, and can view a map, displaying all of them. They even have the ability to track their specific card’s journey. The card is meant to then be passed on to someone else.

**Project Name:** Summer Kick-Off Activity Fair

**Group Name:** The Role Models

**Youth Contact:** Chasten Bugge

**Sponsor:**

Kelly Bosworth

REACH Community Development

**Amount Granted:** $765

**Summary:** The Role Models will coordinate an activity fair to offer education and information to younger students about nutrition, teamwork and safety. The Role Models met each other through a Youth$ave financial education class through REACH, a community development program focused on affordable housing, and plan on offering activities that will allow youth to work together and bond, such as art activities and an obstacle course.