

The Collins Foundation

2022 Annual Report

Reflecting on 75 years

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THE **75** YEARS COLLINS FOUNDATION

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*Imagine yourself at 75, having witnessed
momentous events and tremendous change
in our state. What did you experience?*

If you were born in 1947, you may have come to Oregon with your family through a short-lived program supporting Mexican farmworkers, or braceros. Maybe your parents helped repeal the law banning interracial marriage or provided food, clothing and shelter to families who lost their homes to the Vanport flood, which displaced thousands of African Americans. In your teens, you might have benefited from the Oregon Fair Housing Act.

While in your 20s and 30s, you might have joined the effort to pass a new law ensuring that Oregon beaches remained public and started collecting and returning bottles and cans for a refund rather than throwing them in the trash. Possibly, you were a member of the Oregon Indian Education Association, which continues to keep Native languages and cultures alive and eliminate stereotypical Native American mascots in Oregon public schools.

In your 40s, your parents might have received \$20,000 in reparations for being interned during WWII. You may have joined in the community organizing against hate, sparked by the murder of an Ethiopian immigrant by racist skinheads led by the White Aryan Resistance. Perhaps you joined the fight against Measure 9, the first of many ballot measures designed to limit the rights of LGBTQ people. More recently, you might have found yourself with thousands of others on bridges, in parks, and in the streets to support the Black Lives Matter movement.

In 1947, 75 new nonprofits registered in Oregon. Among the many churches, grange halls and social clubs that incorporated that year, there are a few organizations that you'd recognize today: Morrison Child and Family Services, Easter Seals, Klamath Art Association, Alano Club of Portland, Tucker Maxon School. And The Collins Foundation.

In spite of tremendous change, what remains the same is the drive of people to help others, to see a gap in services, to create beauty, to protect lands and to fight against injustice by changing systems of oppression. Since that day in December 1947 when The Collins Foundation registered to become one of the first foundations in the state, what also remains the same is the honor we feel in supporting so many organizations and good people, some of whom you'll read about in the following pages, who work to ensure fair and inclusive access to resources and the opportunity for all of Oregon's people and communities to achieve their full potential.

Thank you!

With gratitude to Elaine Rector of Coaching for Educational Equity for compiling a list of Oregon events in the document Looking Back In Order to Move Forward: An Often Untold History Affecting Oregon's Past, Present and Future Timeline of Oregon and U.S. Racial, Immigration and Education History.

It is remarkable that we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of The Collins Foundation!

We started out fairly small on December 5, 1947, and have grown in size over the years from additional family contributions to the Foundation as well as through wise long-term investment. The Foundation has made grants in excess of \$300 million over these 75 years to nonprofits throughout Oregon.

There is a quote that resonates with me by Amelia Earhart, who said, “The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity.” I might quibble with the word *merely* because sometimes tenacity can be pretty hard, but she makes an important point that applies to the beginning of this Foundation. The decision by my father, his siblings and their mother to create this Foundation in 1947 was quite a remarkable decision to act. Today, there are many foundations, and for people who have had success and want to give back, creating a foundation is a clear choice. Back in 1947, this was a very new possibility, or at least not one found in Oregon. When my dad approached Tom Stoel to write up the articles of incorporation for the Foundation, Tom agreed to do so, then found that there were no examples he could draw from. He had to write them from scratch, which was a bigger undertaking than he anticipated. The founders could have made personal gifts to organizations doing good works, and that would’ve been simpler, but instead they set in

motion this Foundation and funded it over the following years to create a sustainable funding resource for the state of Oregon. I believe that their decision to fund Oregon nonprofits perpetually echoes and expands on the family’s early practice of sustainable forestry. As my father considered that work a long-term benefit to the community, so we do today with all of the Foundation’s grants.

My father ran the Foundation until his sudden death in 1964, three months before I was born. My mother, Maribeth Collins, became the head of the Foundation after his passing and was deeply committed to the work of the Foundation for the rest of her life, serving as president for the next 41 years. When she started in that role, she only had a part-time administrator and a part-time treasurer. They would collect grant requests until there were enough to call a meeting of the board to make decisions. As the Foundation grew, she hired an executive vice president to handle some of the work and brought in a community trustee, Ralph Bolliger, in 1980. When she stepped down as president in 2005, Jerry Hudson was in the role of executive vice president, with Cynthia Addams to follow a year later; Tim Bishop continued in the role of treasurer, as he had been for many years; and there were only three other staff members. Today, Carol Cheney is CEO, and we have a larger staff, with many new people since the start of the pandemic. I would also like to welcome Latricia Tillman as a new board member this year.



We are deeply grateful for the many other leaders of this Foundation over the years. Tom Stoel was

secretary of the board from its inception until the late 1990s. Jim Miller wisely invested the assets of the Foundation from its founding until 1998, a period of over 50 years! G. Herbert Smith was the first executive vice president, William Pine was the second to serve in that role, and Jerry Hudson the third. Interestingly, both Herbert and Jerry were former presidents of Willamette University. In addition, Gene Sharp was the treasurer and accountant for the Foundation’s first 45 years or so.

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to be able to look back to celebrate the work we have done thus far and to look forward to the work we have before us. We are in the middle of a strategic planning process that all of our board and staff are fully engaged in. I want to thank our team members for their hard work this last year with a larger number of grants than is typical and more complex grantmaking in general.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Truman W. Collins Jr.", written in a fluid, cursive style.

Truman W. Collins Jr.
President

“You have to be as curious about the future as you are proud about the past.” That’s a

quote I heard at a recent conference on family philanthropy. Those words have stuck with me, given that The Collins Foundation has 75 years of that past behind us.

On December 5, 1947, The Collins Foundation was “born” with \$79,000 of funds pooled together by a small group of Collins family members. Their intention was to grow those funds to support services and solutions for the people in Oregon. And that intention came to fruition. With careful stewardship, those funds have grown significantly, and in the last three years of extraordinary circumstances and need, The Collins Foundation distributed an average of just over \$15 million a year to address those needs. Something to be proud of? I think so.

At the same time, we are curious about what it means to be a foundation in this day and age, and that curiosity has led our trustees to consider other perspectives that question “traditional” philanthropy, the opportunity for some to build wealth while others could not, the concept of perpetuity and its relation to privilege, and the potential benefit for all of us if we focus on marginalized communities in our grantmaking.

It’s this curiosity that led the Foundation to explore diversity, equity and inclusion in the first place. In 2013, we embarked on a journey to better understand our role in advancing equity, including where to focus our grantmaking. As a result, the family invited and has truly embraced the perspectives of our diverse community trustees in decisions made by the Foundation. They directed the staff to develop ways to assess grant applicants for their commitment to and demonstration of equity in their organizations. And we’re seeing results!

A recent review of our grant data demonstrates that we have significantly increased our grantmaking to BIPOC-led organizations since 2014. And despite concerns that focusing on BIPOC communities would leave out rural communities, the percentage of grant dollars to rural communities also increased. We’ve seen similar increases to organizations serving immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ communities, women and girls, and people with disabilities. In the stories of grantees highlighted in this report, you’ll get to witness how both curiosity and commitment led to funding for so many diverse organizations in our state.



In late 2022, we embarked on another exploration of our strategies and commitment to equity.

What is exciting to me is that throughout this process, there has been a high level of authentic curiosity demonstrated by our staff and board in grappling with big concepts and questions. I’ve witnessed the openness and learning stance taken by people who have a lot of stake in where we go and how we get there. We have looked at the past and the legacy of the Foundation. And we are embracing our future with the curiosity needed to discover how to best support the state we love. Something to be proud of? I think so.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Cheney". The script is fluid and cursive.

Carol Cheney
Chief Executive Officer

From Trustee Latricia Tillman

As chief equity and inclusion officer for Washington County, Latricia Tillman strives to improve the well-being of communities of color through innovation.

She started that job six months after the pandemic upended everyone's life.

"When there are these really challenging issues, challenging seasons, where we know that there's change and there's chaos, we can't necessarily see our way into the future," she says.

Art, and in her case, theater, started to help her see that future as brighter and better about 15 years ago when she saw her first play put on by the African American **PassinArt: A Theatre Company of Portland**. It's not hyperbole to say it struck a chord deep inside her.

"I was immediately hooked," she says. "And I'm not like a super-regular theater-goer. But the relevance of their plays—it has literally changed my life."

Making a commitment to the arts, Tillman says, can help bring meaning to situations that seem overwhelming or meaningless. Engaging with the heart first through art can help us all find our way forward. PassinArt does that.

"I just think it's such a unique niche in Oregon with such a small Black community that they've been able to maintain a high level of quality, a high level of focus," she says. "It just opened up some different ways of thinking... That is the transformative power of theater."



PassinArt: A Theatre Company

For 40 years, PassinArt: A Theatre Company has stood for (as its name suggests) “passing art, history and culture from one generation to the next,” says PassinArt board President Jerry Foster.

Foster is also an actor and director whose credits are numerous and include roles with *Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom* and *A Raisin in the Sun*.

“What we do is bring emerging and established artists together so that emerging artists can learn from those established artists,” Foster says.

Although their schedule was interrupted in March 2020 with the COVID-19 outbreak, the troupe began putting on productions again in 2022. Foster, who has worked in Portland media for nearly 30 years, says he is repeatedly impressed by the work of Black playwrights.

“They tell the story the way it is,” he says. “The stories come by and from the African American

perspective. In order to be able to understand

the culture, you have to look inside.”

Foster has dubbed it “edutainment.” “We educate people, and we give them something to hold on to by keeping them either laughing or singing along,” he says.

That laughing and singing should continue well into the future with what Foster says is the very strong support of grants from The Collins Foundation. Foster says the support allows them to use the theatre company as a platform for issues that affect the Black community, issues that need to be highlighted and not forgotten.

“Seeing the people who we’ve touched over the years—and we have those that come back and say, ‘Your play changed my life’—it gave me something to think about. If we can change one person, reach one person, then I feel elated.”

Foster recalls the story of a young Black teenager who could barely read and wanted to do nothing more than play basketball. But he went to a workshop put on by PassinArt and later became a cast member in a play.

“He got excited,” Foster recalls. “When he became part of the play, he had to memorize his lines. He put the basketball down and really worked at learning to read. It changed his life.”

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— Jerry Foster



From Trustee Jaime Arredondo

Jaime Arredondo first became aware of The Collins Foundation and the Collins family name when as a teenager he worked in the cafeteria at Willamette University.

When he later attended and graduated from the school, he says, it was clear from the number of buildings and departments with the Collins name that they were huge supporters of higher learning.

After graduating, he worked for various nonprofit organizations and, again, saw The Collins Foundation name on many different grants.

Four years ago, he joined the Foundation as a trustee based on his work with CAPACES Leadership Institute and too many other councils and farmworkers unions and groups to list here.

One of the grantees Arrendondo highlights is the **Northwest Workers Justice Project**. As one of the many nonprofit organizations supported by The Collins Foundation over the past 75 years, NWJP has helped with many advancements in getting workers who fall through the cracks overtime and other basic worker benefits.

“How is it possible that that we have a workforce that still doesn’t have overtime for often difficult, strenuous work?” he asks. “There have been some advancements, but we have to continue the fight.”

He’s seen that fight up close through the eyes and everyday stories of his immigrant parents, who make less than \$20,000 a year.

“I have the privilege of working to improve the lives of folks like my parents,” Arredondo says. “The Northwest Justice Project does a good job elevating those voices.”



Northwest Workers Justice Project

“We really support workers organizing in a variety of ways, like

outreach and education,” Spencer-Scheurich says. “We know that workers are subjected to wage theft, discrimination, retaliation and health and safety violations. And that really undermines and erodes the ability of our communities to really thrive.”

In most cases, it’s the voices of the workers that become the agents of change.

With grants from The Collins Foundation, the Northwest Workers Justice Project started the Southern Oregon Workers Justice Project to focus its efforts in Southern Oregon with vulnerable, seasonal workers. Many came on visas to those rural communities to work in timber and marijuana grow operations.

“We were really seeing a lot of broken bodies, where people are injured, and they just send them back to Mexico to recover,” Spencer-Scheurich says. “The Collins Foundation helped us seed that program and helped us grow.”

That continuing support of the Foundation not only helps the organization grow but helps them innovate.

“It’s about investing in our communities, about giving people the information they need and helping them know what the resources are and then helping support them in their journey,” Spencer-Scheurich says.

The Northwest Workers Justice Project was founded 20 years ago to support low-wage, immigrant workers to defend their rights in the workplace.

“The idea was to really fill a gap in nonprofit legal services for immigrant and low-wage workers,” says the project’s executive director, Corinna Spencer-Scheurich, who adds that there were big gaps in what services lawyers could provide, so they shifted to legal tools to benefit the greater workers’ rights movement.

To do that, she says, the project focuses on not only representing workers but also identifying and advocating for policy changes through legislation and decision-making, to make workers’ lives better.

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— Corinna Spencer-Scheurich



From Trustee Truman Collins Jr.

The soaring peaks, plunging rivers, high desert landscapes and spectacular canyons of Wallowa County in far Northeast Oregon have rightly earned the sobriquet of Oregon's "Swiss Alps."

It takes a balancing act to maintain that environment and find cooperation between landowners, seasonal and year-round residents, Native tribes and the summer influx of tourists.

"That's where the **Wallowa Land Trust** shines," says Truman Collins Jr., board president. "What they have done is bring in all the different groups from the area to get their involvement in these projects for stewardship of land."

While it's easy to look at environmental issues by focusing on individual parcels of land, Wallowa Land Trust looks at the impact and well-being of diverse communities who live on and use the lands. "That's something I really appreciate about the work that they do there," Collins says.

That emphasis on sustainable development is one of the founding principles of The Collins Foundation founder and family patriarch Truman Collins Sr., who was a pioneer in large-scale sustainable timber harvesting back in the 1940s.

He saw the damage that was done when a logging outfit came into a community and cut everything down and, in 8–10 years, left.

"The real focus was he wanted to be able to provide a sustainable resource to provide jobs and stability for a community," Collins says. "And so we focused more in the last 10 years or so on really trying to reach communities who have been historically underserved."



Eric Greenwell



Nicole Higheagle



Kathleen Ackley

Wallowa Land Trust

In summer, Wallowa County's population swells nearly tenfold, and it's that push-pull between commerce and the environment, extracting and preserving resources and tourism that drives the work of the Wallowa Land Trust

"The tourists are coming, but they're not coming to take timber; they're coming for the views and the gorgeous mountain vistas," says Kathleen Ackley, Wallowa Land Trust's executive director.

Those numbers swelled even higher, Ackley says, during the height of the pandemic, when people sought the county's backcountry, often concentrating in a few small areas, with hundreds visiting popular alpine lakes.

For the past 10 years The Collins Foundation has provided grant money to the trust not only to support the acquisition and permanent protection

of the land but to hire full-time staff,

including Ackley as the first full-time executive director and a full-time conservation director.

"The Collins Foundation has always stepped up to the plate early and helped," Ackley says.

The influx of cash supports the trust's engagement work with Native tribes.

"The tribal engagement program was directly a result of The Collins Foundation funding us and allowing us to devote time to it and to prioritize it really," Ackley says. "It's been used as a model for other land trusts across the country."

Those Indigenous engagements include tribes from both Oregon and Washington who, with renewed or new connections with landowners, are able once again to use both public and private lands to gather roots on traditional digging grounds in Wallowa County.

Funds from the Foundation assisted with housing, mileage, the use of local facilities and to hire a tribal woman to coordinate the effort, all to help overcome the hurdles of time, money and access to the traditional lands.

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Carla Timentwa

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— Kathleen Ackley



Kathleen Ackley

From Trustee Ryan Luria

Beyond These Walls began 10 years ago as a way to extend holiday greetings to incarcerated LGBTQ people with cards. But it turned into something much more.

“I went to one of their holiday card parties several years ago, and I was really just taken with the whole idea,” Ryan Luria says. “I can only imagine how lonely and isolating it would be to be in prison.”

Luria was struck by the way the group’s founders identified the needs and responded by making it a year-round endeavor to reach vulnerable LGBTQIA2S+ prisoners.

As a trans person, Luria notes how vulnerable queer folks are when in law enforcement custody. He says, “It is just a very exposed and dangerous situation, particularly for trans folks of color.”

What started essentially as a pen pal program, Beyond These Walls now includes advocating for trans women prisoners, who are most often housed with men and may not be able to continue their hormone therapy or other transitions. They also help newly released prisoners transition back to civilian life with housing, food and clothing.

Luria, a trustee since 2013, is a member of the Collins family and part of the third generation of family trustees. He says because he’s a member of the queer community, it gives him some understanding of why Beyond These Walls and other such intersectional LGBTQIA2S+ groups are so important.

“I’ve tried to use my access to advocate for people who aren’t included as much as they should be. I advocate as much as I can for inclusivity, to take us further down the path of diversity, equity and inclusion. I especially appreciate the commitment of The Collins Foundation to support the intersection of LGBTQIA2S+ and BIPOC communities throughout Oregon.”



Beyond These Walls



Hailey Ockinga has firsthand knowledge of the impact of the nonprofit group Beyond These Walls.

Ockinga was incarcerated and received a card from the organization in 2016. She, like many others who got cards, reached back out to the group before her release in 2020. She was hoping for help when she got out, and the process really made a difference.

Ockinga, who's Native American, said her experience being released was, at first, typical. She stayed in prison three months past her release date because she couldn't find housing that would accept her because she was transgender. Some faith-based groups rejected helping her because of how she identified. "One group said they had nothing and hung up on me," she says.

Once released, she started putting together care packages for transgender women getting out, which included providing them gender-affirming clothing, housing and eventually a cash stipend to help them get on their feet. It wasn't long until she was a board member, and last year, she became executive director of Beyond These Walls.

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— Hailey Ockinga

"When I got out, one of the biggest things

that Beyond These Walls provided for me was a connection to the LGBTQ community," Ockinga says. "Coming out of incarceration, it was my first time presenting as my true self."

Although the group is primarily involved in helping prisoners in the Pacific Northwest, Beyond These Walls has provided resources to other groups in Georgia and Texas. "We can help anyone regardless of what their zip code is," Ockinga says.

In 2022, more than a thousand volunteers wrote and sent cards to 300 inmates in Washington and Oregon; each prisoner received three to four cards.

While the pen pal program will continue, Beyond These Walls is beefing up its response to advocacy and helping trans prisoners when they are released. The Collins Foundation grants helped the group with that expansion and with hiring three full-time employees, including Ockinga.

Recently, Ockinga helped a transgender woman in the Seattle area who had just been released after 20 years in prison. She took her to Target, the woman's first shopping trip in two decades. It was overwhelming. "Every 15 minutes she had to stop, and we left everything in the cart and went outside, and she cried for about 15 minutes," Ockinga says.



From Trustee Kimberlee Pierce Sheng

When protests erupted nationwide following the death of George Floyd in the late spring of 2020, Kimberlee Pierce Sheng wanted the Foundation to go beyond issuing a statement of solidarity.

“I did not want to be a part of another organization that was releasing a statement but not demonstrating any real action to support it,” Pierce Sheng says.

After a series of round-table discussions, The Collins Foundation established the Black Equity Movement funding. Board trustee members at the time said in a joint statement that we are all morally diminished and ethically complicit when we allow people to be dehumanized and treated with disregard and cruelty.

During those discussions, Pierce Sheng was impressed by the tenacity and commitment of LaNicia Duke, founder of **Humble Beginnings**, and her fearless dedication to the lives of Black rural residents. She herself has lived in Tillamook County and, now, Clatsop County.

“She’s one of those people who when she sees a need, when she sees a gap, she’s jumping in, and if she can’t fill it, she’s connecting with other people to close those gaps,” Pierce Sheng says.

One challenge for people in philanthropy and nonprofits is how to support people of color staying in rural communities they moved to for a job, Pierce Sheng says.

“We get better as a community and as a state because people are making those connections, people like LaNicia,” Pierce Sheng says. “How do you create a comfort within those communities so that people choose to stay?”



Humble Beginnings

LaNicia Duke has traveled more than 20,000 miles across Oregon, connecting with groups of Black women and, more recently, Black men in rural towns.

Duke says people of color don't feel safe traveling alone, but it has not deterred her one bit. Her goal is to explore what Oregon has to offer and be safe in the process, and to build community via authentic relationships.

"Once I meet someone, I'm like, how can I connect them to someone else? Where are the commonalities? What can they work together on to create that synergy?" Duke says.

With generous grants from The Collins Foundation, Duke says Humble Beginnings and the Black Rural Network are doing just that. A boost from a technical

assistance grant she was not expecting

gave the group the momentum and financial stability to buy software and hire a bookkeeper.

Duke has also expanded her outreach and advocacy to include Black men, to help them find the same community connections and commonalities.

"I try to host as many meals and any kind of event where Black folks can get together and just spend their time being in the room with one another," Duke says. "Especially when you live in a rural community, you have to drive two, three hours sometimes to have that experience."

Another gap she's trying to bridge is healthcare, particularly behavioral health and wellness in rural areas where doctors, nurses and medical staff may not stay long before moving on. The constant turnover means having to repeatedly rebuild relationships with providers.

"Most people who can afford to go somewhere other than a rural community for their healthcare needs do, right?" she says. "The breakdowns in our healthcare systems have nothing to do with me being a Black woman, but it might add to it once I get through the door."

While she's contemplating a move, it won't be to Portland or another larger city.

"I will go somewhere else rural, of course," she says. "Growing up in Los Angeles, I really appreciate small towns."

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— LaNicia Duke



From Trustee Cheri Collins Smith

Cheri Collins Smith points to the summer before her senior year in college as the time she really started to appreciate the work The Collins Foundation—founded by her father, Truman Collins Sr.—was doing in Oregon.

She visited organizations the Foundation was funding that year and wrote reports about what she learned, in what areas the Foundation was strong and also where it could improve.

It was, she says, immensely satisfying. “That always gave a sense of meaning and understanding about the different ways that we contributed to the state of Oregon.”

After earning her MBA at the University of Pennsylvania, she got married and started to raise three children; that’s when she decided she wanted to be more of a part of the Foundation. She became a member and eventually a trustee.

She found that her focus was the arts. And music. And inclusion. And specifically organizations like the **Portland Gay Men’s Chorus**.

“I love the fact that there are gay men’s choruses making a difference around the country and around the world,” Collins Smith says. “And I think in the case of the Portland Gay Men’s Chorus, it has the additional benefit of really bringing people together. It gives voice in a different way that’s a very important part of a whole and meaningful society.”





Portland Gay Men's Chorus

Rick Jung took over the reins as executive director of the Portland Gay Men's Chorus in 2015. Three years later, the chorus performed in China, becoming the first Western LGBTQ chorus to tour and perform there.

A short time later, Jung got a call from The Collins Foundation, wondering why the group hadn't applied for grant money before the groundbreaking trip.

"I said, 'Well, you've always given us really small grants, and we just didn't think about it,'" Jung says. "And so I did."

He calls the subsequent \$25,000 grant from the Foundation "significant" because they received

fewer donations from many of their corporate and private

donors that year. The Collins Foundation grant turned into a multi-year grant.

The year before the pandemic, 2019, Jung says, was one of the chorus's toughest years financially. Shortly thereafter, the group's artistic director of 26 years left the group.

That's when The Collins Foundation's award allowed the group to hold a gala, which was very successful, putting money back into their reserve fund and getting them back on a firmer financial footing.

"And our relationship has only strengthened ever since then," Jung says, adding that the Foundation encouraged them to be more diverse, equitable and inclusive.

That period of self-reflection, Jung says, helped the group understand who their audience was and how to better serve them. Jung credits the Foundation for sparking that internal conversation.

"We were reminded of the need to know who you are and who you serve, and why you serve them. That was really critical to us."

Jung plans to retire in August. The thought of retiring is bittersweet, but, he says, the group is as healthy as it's ever been.



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— Rick Jung



From Trustee Lee Diane Collins Vest

Lee Diane Collins Vest (her father, Alton Collins, was the brother of Truman Collins Sr. and a co-founder of the Foundation) taught kindergarten and first grade for more than 30 years.

While Vest's teaching in diverse classrooms demonstrated clearly to her how a person's background has no bearing on their brilliance or potential, the Foundation provided her a scaffolding to learn even more about that. Vest currently serves as a trustee and has been involved with the Foundation most of her life.

"There is no greater gift in my opinion," she says. "I have grown because of being a part of the Foundation."

When Vest retired from teaching, she devoted her life to the Foundation. Of the many worthy causes she's focused on during her tenure, few have touched her the way **Sisters of the Road**, and their well-regarded café in Portland's Old Town, has.

For four decades, Sisters of the Road has offered not just food but respect for the homeless who come to the café. Many have told the staff they come not just for sustenance but for a sense of community and a place where they can work—sweeping, serving and generally helping out—to earn vouchers.

"There are so many causes to pick from," Vest says, "but Sisters of the Road is one of the significant ones for me, and I just pray they can continue. I wouldn't imagine we're the only foundation that feels that way, because they do so much good."



Sisters of the Road

From its inception in 1979, Sisters of the Road's mission has been to alleviate the pain, suffering and feeling of being forgotten that so many homeless people know.

Too many of the services offered at that time were religious-based, Kat Mahoney, acting executive director says, and required those they served to listen to a sermon to get a meal.

"From what I understand, people told them, 'We want a place where we can go—we want a place where we could hang out for a little while and have coffee, like a diner,'" Mahoney says. They were also looking for work, and the respect and dignity that comes with working.

Sisters of the Road filled that gap. Clients

could earn vouchers for food by doing the dishes or bussing tables. They wanted to contribute at the same time as being able to get a decent meal. And they in turn could share their vouchers with those who couldn't work. It's that core belief that makes Sisters of the Road different, Mahoney says. "The reality is, how many paychecks or mortgage payments could any of us be away from possibly losing our shelter?"

Sisters of the Road struggled to stay open during the pandemic, and the building they leased was overcome with mold and asbestos, and they've been closed for some time.

But in March 2023, they broke ground on their new three-story home not far from the home they have had for 43 years, expanding both in size and in efforts, like including a small store where people can use those vouchers not just for food but for personal items like a toothbrush or socks.

"When we receive larger grants from foundations such as Collins, it tells us that others believe in us too," Mahoney says. "Foundations like Collins see that we are trying to fulfill a mission of providing connection, comfort and compassion to those who may be forgotten or sometimes shunned in society."

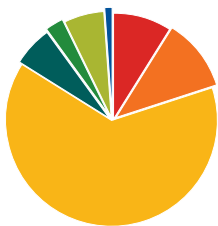
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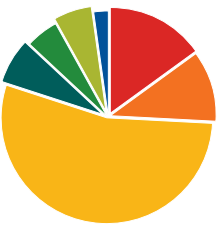
2022 Grant Totals

Total **Dollars**
Grants awarded: **\$14,494,187**



Dollars	Grants	
9%	15%	Arts
11%	11%	Children & Youth
64%	54%	Community Welfare
6%	7%	Education
3%	5%	Environment
6%	6%	Health & Science
1%	2%	Humanities

Total **Grants**
Number of grants awarded: **244**



Grant awards include multi-year and conditional grants awarded during the year.

The Foundation's complete 2022 Audited Financial Statements are available at: collinsfoundation.org/annual-reports.

2022 Statement of Grants

Black Equity Movement

African Family Holistic Health Organization Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	\$ 75,000
African Youth & Community Organization Portland, Oregon	Support the capital campaign to purchase the Dream Center community hub supporting East African immigrant and refugee families in the Portland metro region	300,000
All Ages Music Portland Portland, Oregon	Support a project to renovate, repair and weatherize Black-owned homes and businesses in Portland metro	100,000
Black Oregon Land Trust Corbett, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	40,000
Black United Fund of Oregon Inc Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	229,750
Blueprint Foundation, The Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
Caldera Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	50,000
Call to Safety Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
Camp ELSO Experience Life Science Outdoors Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
Center for African Immigrants & Refugees Organization Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	120,000
Communities United for People Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
De Rose Community Bridge and Holistic Wellness Hillsboro, Oregon	Support general operations providing culturally specific programs to African and other immigrants and refugees living in Portland metro	50,000
Elevate Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
Equitable Giving Circle Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	75,000
Friends of Baseball Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	50,000
Girls Inc of the Pacific Northwest Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	50,000
JOIN Portland, Oregon	Support leadership, operations, and staffing for programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to transition into permanent housing in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties	75,000

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Black Equity Movement continued

Lion Speaks Portland, Oregon	Support mentoring and development training in Media Maker Workforce Development & Career Advancement program	\$ 30,000
Maurice Lucas Foundation Tigard, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	50,000
National Association of Minority Contractors – Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	100,000
New Start Program Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	20,000
Ori Art Gallery Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and programs for Trans, Queer and Disabled Artists of color in Portland metro	10,000
PassinArt A Theatre Company Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	60,000
Philippine American Chamber of Commerce Portland, Oregon	Support economic and business development for Black communities in Oregon	50,000
The Numberz Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	50,000
Viva La Free Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and program to support Black, POC and LGBTQIA+ artists in Portland metro	10,000
Western States Center Inc Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	75,000
WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center Gresham, Oregon	Support general operations to implement programs for Black, African-American and Women of Color who are justice-involved and in recovery in Portland metro	40,000
Women's Foundation of Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and additional community services related to advancing Black communities across Oregon	75,000
World Arts Foundation Inc Portland, Oregon	Support community services related to advancing Black communities in Portland metro	25,000
Youth Organized and United to Help Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to improve educational opportunities for Black and Brown youth in Portland metro	40,000
YWCA of Greater Portland Portland, Oregon	Project support for Black youth mentoring program	50,000

Oregon Immigrant & Refugee Funders Collaborative

Catholic Charities of Oregon Portland, Oregon	To prepare for, and deliver, resettlement for Ukrainian refugees entering Oregon	\$40,000
Catholic Community Services of Lane County Inc Springfield, Oregon	To support the Refugee and Immigrant Services Program in Lane County	35,000
Causa of Oregon Salem, Oregon	Support for the Immigrant Inclusion Plan and Oregon Ready coalition in Oregon	175,000
Centro Cultural de Condado de Washington Cornelius, Oregon	To support DACA renewal fees for DACA youth	\$15,000
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Portland, Oregon	To defend against attacks on immigrants and challenges systems of deportation and detention in rural communities in Oregon	25,000
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization Portland, Oregon	Support a community navigator and supplement legal supports for Ukrainian refugees entering Oregon	50,000
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization Portland, Oregon	To prepare for, and deliver, resettlement for Ukrainian refugees entering Oregon	10,000
Immigration Counseling Service Inc Portland, Oregon	To provide high-quality legal support services for immigrants in Oregon	30,000
IMPACT Immigration Portland, Oregon	Support psychological evaluations for under-resourced child and adult immigrants and refugees in Oregon	30,000
Northwest Employment Education and Defense Fund (NEED Fund) Portland, Oregon	Support to conduct training and convening for immigrant and employment attorneys in Oregon	24,737
Oregon Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice Portland, Oregon	To develop Latinix leaders around the state to support immigrants through advocacy, organizing and direct accompaniment of those facing detention and deportation in Oregon	10,000
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support Food for All Oregonians program to improve food access and food security, regardless of immigration status	20,000
Rural Organizing Project Cottage Grove, Oregon	To defend against attacks on immigrants and challenges systems of deportation and detention in rural communities in Oregon	35,000

Arts

All Ages Music Portland Portland, Oregon	Build capacity to increase access and opportunities in the music and production industry for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth in Multnomah and Washington counties	\$ 80,000
Arts in Education of the Gorge Hood River, Oregon	Support general operations to provide arts education programming for K–12 students in Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, and Wasco counties	30,000
August Wilson Red Door Project Portland, Oregon	Support operations and expansion of Evolve programming to affect equitable change and improvement in law enforcement, judicial, and public safety practices across Oregon	70,000
Boom Arts Inc Portland, Oregon	Support operations, programs, and socially relevant performance art for general audiences in Multnomah County	60,000
Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development Corvallis, Oregon	Support a gallery exhibition on Land Art centering Native American artists through an art exhibit, in-person exhibition events, a panel discussion, and an artisan market for communities across Oregon	5,500
Cascadia Concert Opera Astoria, Oregon	Support operations and art performances for communities in coastal communities in Clatsop, Deschutes, Lane, Lincoln, and Marion counties	5,000
Chehalem Center Association Newberg, Oregon	Support operations and arts and culture programs serving residents of all ages living in Yamhill County	30,000
Ethos Inc Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and provide culturally responsive music education primarily serving BIPOC youth across Oregon	38,000
Fuse Theatre Ensemble Portland, Oregon	Support operations and arts and culture programming for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies in the Portland metro region	30,000
KXCJ-LP Cave Junction, Oregon	Support operations and community-focused news, arts, and public service programming for listeners in rural Josephine County	7,000
Music Education & Performing Arts Association Eugene, Oregon	Support operations and increase access to music education and arts programming for low-income children and families in Linn and Lane counties	30,000
Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Inc Portland, Oregon	Support pre-construction costs to develop and renovate the Native Arts & Culture Foundation's Center for Native Arts and Culture to share American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native peoples' culture and history with residents and visitors in Oregon	150,000
Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media & Education Portland, Oregon	Expand culturally responsive programming for BIPOC girls and non-binary youth in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	8,000
Oregon Potters Association Portland, Oregon	Support access to ceramic resources and art education for the community and education opportunities for K–12 students in Title 1 schools in Multnomah and Yamhill counties	25,000
Oregon Supported Living Program Eugene, Oregon	Develop training and consulting program for inclusive art and culture program model for people with disabilities in Oregon	82,000
Original Practice Shakespeare Festival Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and performances with a focus on LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and People with Disabilities in Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill counties	10,000
Outside the Frame Portland, Oregon	Support operations and workforce development filmmaking programs for unhoused and marginalized youth in the Portland metro area	40,000
PlayWrite Portland, Oregon	Support organizational advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion goals by developing partnerships with community organizations serving BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and immigrant and refugee youth in Multnomah and Washington counties	20,000

Arts continued

Portland Classical Chinese Garden Portland, Oregon	Support operations to implement restructuring from a Chinese garden to a community-based organization benefitting Oregonians	\$ 40,000
Portland Community Media Portland, Oregon	Support general operations providing equity-driven media literacy programs and resources for the general community with intentional resource support for BIPOC, English language learners, people with disabilities, people living on low incomes, and mission-aligned nonprofits in the Portland metro region	70,000
Portland Experimental Theatre Ensemble Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to engage in community partnerships with organizations committed to environmental and social justice in the Portland metro area	10,000
RASIKA Society for Arts of India Hillsboro, Oregon	Support expansion of culturally-specific music and arts education programs in Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties	15,500
Rejoice Diaspora Dance Theater Portland, Oregon	Support general operations, arts performances and productions, and programs for the BIPOC community and the general community living in Multnomah County	22,500
Rogue Climate Phoenix, Oregon	Support an arts mentorship program for BIPOC young adults and young adults living on low incomes in Southern Oregon	26,000
Rogue World Music Ashland, Oregon	Support operations during organizational growth and leadership transition to continue serving general audiences and students with culturally responsive events and arts education in Jackson County	25,000
Shaking The Tree Portland, Oregon	Support operations and community-engaged theater programming for artists, performers, and audiences in Multnomah County	15,000
Tananáwit Warm Springs, Oregon	Support operations, build knowledge and understanding of the Columbia River Plateau's traditional and contemporary Native arts, and promote economic development opportunities to empower Native artists across Oregon	160,000
The Artback Estacada, Oregon	Support a large-scale mural project in downtown Estacada celebrating the culture and heritage of the Latinx community	4,000
Triangle Productions Portland, Oregon	Support a project to research and archive the histories of LGBTQ leaders, community experiences, and landmarks across Oregon	10,000
Umpqua Watersheds Roseburg, Oregon	Increase the operation and outreach of the KQUA community radio station, which creates and promotes content about conservation and environmental education for general audiences in the Umpqua Basin and Douglas County	20,000
Viva La Free Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to strengthen a multidisciplinary BIPOC arts ecosystem in Multnomah County	20,000
Vox Academy Portland, Oregon	Present immersive, innovative, and accessible opera to the Portland community	5,000

Children & Youth

Bridging Voices Portland, Oregon	Support operations and chorus programs for LGBTQ+ youth and allies in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties	10,000
College Dreams Inc Grants Pass, Oregon	Support expansion of educational and workforce development programs for under-resourced, underserved youth, ages 12–24, in Josephine, Jackson, and Douglas counties	100,000

Children & Youth continued

Columbia Gorge Children's Advocacy Center Hood River, Oregon	Capital support to build a permanent Children's Advocacy Center in the Columbia River Gorge, serving Hood River, Wasco, Gilliam, Wheeler and Klickitat counties	\$100,000
De Rose Community Bridge and Holistic Wellness Hillsboro, Oregon	Support a mentoring program for immigrant and youth of color experiencing negative influences by gangs and other negative behaviors to gain positive directions in life in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	155,000
Family Forward Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support a statewide cohort of mothers and caregivers primarily from BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and immigrant communities to advocate for reforms to childcare and early childhood programs in Oregon through a challenge match	48,000
Family of Friends Mentoring Gresham, Oregon	Support operations and a mentoring program serving children, ages 6-12, from low-income households in East Multnomah County	40,000
Forest Park Conservancy, The Portland, Oregon	Support the Green Jobs Workforce Program for young adults of color to access hands-on professional experience and support to pursue a career in conservation and natural resources in Multnomah County	80,000
Friends of the Children – Lane County Oregon Eugene, Oregon	Support operations and provide long-term, professional mentoring for children and families in Lane County	35,000
Friends of the Children – Portland Portland, Oregon	Support operations and mentoring, social-emotional, and academic support programs to improve well-being, resilience, and resourcefulness for youth from BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and low-income communities in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties	40,000
Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Center Inc Bend, Oregon	Support ADA-aligned improvements to better serve clients with disabilities at a new facility in Tumalo	30,000
I'm Hooked Inc. Portland, Oregon	Support general operations, program development, and increase participation of BIPOC youth in outdoor activities in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	10,000
J Bar J Youth Services Inc. Bend, Oregon	Support operations and a mentoring program designed for foster youth and youth from low-income households in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties	20,000
Lines for Life Portland, Oregon	Expand mental health support through peer-to-peer mentoring programs for Tribal youth on the Warm Springs Reservation	75,000
Our Children Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs centering equitable practices and systems for the health and well-being of children across Oregon	80,000
Southern Oregon Child and Family Council Inc Central Point, Oregon	Support operations and provide culturally-specific education and literacy support services to Latinx children and families in Jackson County	35,000
Stand for Children Leadership Center Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to improve education access for BIPOC students and students with disabilities in Oregon	50,000
Wallowa Resources Enterprise, Oregon	Support an environmental youth job-training program for Indigenous youth in the Umatilla and Warm Springs Reservations and Umatilla and Wallowa counties	20,000

Community Welfare

African American Alliance for Home Ownership Inc Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to increase homeownership and economic stability for the Black community and other underserved households throughout Clackamas and Multnomah counties, in part through a match	\$ 60,000
Alano Club of Portland Oregon, The Portland, Oregon	Renovate Alano Club's recovery center benefiting individuals and families in recovery from alcoholism, substance use, and other addictive disorders in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	35,000
American Leadership Forum of Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and leadership programming to build on the strengths of diversity and promote collaborative problem-solving within and among Oregon communities	60,000
AntFarm Sandy, Oregon	Support the Nuevo Futuro Program to expand community access and choices for basic needs support for Latinx communities in Clackamas County	30,000
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon Communities United Fund Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to advance equity and solidarity through organizing, advocacy, community development, and cultural work among a diversity of Asian ethnic communities across Oregon	120,000
Augustana Lutheran Church Portland, Oregon	Support staffing increases to expand immigrant-led programs to educate, advocate, and empower Latinx immigrants to defend their rights when impacted by unjust and inequitable immigrant enforcement practices in Oregon	30,000
Basic Rights Education Fund Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs promoting and supporting equity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Oregonians	80,000
Black Community of Portland Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to provide resources, community engagement, and social and economic empowerment for Black communities in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	100,000
Bradley Angle Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and provide essential services to survivors of domestic violence from marginalized communities in Multnomah County	55,000
Call to Safety Portland, Oregon	Support operations and a crisis phone line for survivors of domestic and sexual violence across Oregon	15,000
CAPACES Leadership Institute Woodburn, Oregon	Expand Anahuac Indigenous food sovereignty and cultural education programs and support development of the Anahuac Farm and Cultural Center in the Mid-Willamette Valley	200,000
Catholic Charities of Oregon Portland, Oregon	Provide capital support to build a transitional housing property for individuals and families experiencing housing instability in Multnomah County	150,000
Center for Hope & Safety Salem, Oregon	Support a capital construction project to build low-income housing for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in Marion and Polk counties	80,000
Centro Latino Americano Eugene, Oregon	Support culturally specific operations and comprehensive social service and health programs primarily serving Latinx immigrant individuals and families in Lane County	200,000
Civil Liberties Defense Center Eugene, Oregon	Support operations and provide movement-focused legal education and representation for movement organizers and activists in Oregon	40,000
Clackamas Women's Services Oregon City, Oregon	Support operations and wrap-around services and programs for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors in Clackamas County	25,000
Coalition of Communities of Color Portland, Oregon	Support operations and projects that promote BIPOC-centered civic engagement, research, and environmental justice and health equity projects across Oregon	150,000

Community Welfare continued

Coalition of Communities of Color Portland, Oregon	Support programs dedicated to igniting BIPOC local civic engagement in Washington County	\$ 15,000
Community Action Organization Hillsboro, Oregon	Support a culturally-specific rent assistance program for Washington County residents	60,000
Community Alliance of Lane County Eugene, Oregon	Support operations to build community and call for accountability from public institutions on justice issues for BIPOC, immigrant, and low-income communities in Lane County	40,000
Community Alliance of Lane County Eugene, Oregon	Support culturally specific programming to deliver access to resources, community support, and referrals for the Latinx community in Lane County	10,000
Community Development Corporation of Oregon Gresham, Oregon	Support capacity building to strengthen internal operations, hire additional Community Health Workers, and increase services to BIPOC communities in East Multnomah County	35,000
Community Vision Inc Portland, Oregon	Support the Assistive Technology Lab to promote accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities across Oregon	30,000
Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Oregon Inc Medford, Oregon	Support general operations to provide financial education and counseling for individuals who are justice-involved or living in low-income neighborhoods in Jackson County	35,000
Cultivate Initiatives Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to provide services and support to unhoused neighbors in Outer East Portland and East Multnomah County.	65,000
Cupcake Girls Portland, Oregon	Hire a mental health therapist to expand the capacity of counseling services for sex workers and survivors of sex trafficking in Oregon	60,000
CymaSpace Portland, Oregon	Support operations, facilities, staffing, and labor costs for producing free events for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and their allies across Oregon	75,000
Division Midway Alliance for Community Improvement Portland, Oregon	Expand culturally specific business development and training programs for immigrants and refugees living on low incomes in the Division Midway corridor of East Portland	70,000
East County Rising Community Projects Fairview, Oregon	Support operations for community-driven, equity-focused programs prioritizing BIPOC communities in East Multnomah County	75,000
Ecotrust Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and programs promoting economic opportunity, social equity, and environmental well-being for BIPOC communities in Oregon	50,000
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to provide basic support services and programs for people living on low incomes or marginalized and impacted by structural injustice in Oregon	150,000
Edwards Center Inc Aloha, Oregon	Support the capital expansion of Edwards Place to provide housing for adult children with disabilities and their parents in Washington County	75,000
Equitable Giving Circle Portland, Oregon	Support programs providing culturally specific food grown by BIPOC farmers and provided to BIPOC families in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	75,000
Evolve Workforce & Multifamily Housing Services Woodburn, Oregon	Support workforce development programs to provide property management skills training and employment for BIPOC communities in Oregon	98,500
Feed the Mass Portland, Oregon	Support operations and provide culturally responsive food education and wellness programs for BIPOC communities across Oregon	40,000

Community Welfare continued

Filling Empty Bellies Astoria, Oregon	Support operations and provide basic needs, skill-building, job connections, social service referrals, and community connections for individuals experiencing poverty, houselessness, and mental health issues in Clatsop County	\$110,000
Friends of Family Farmers Junction City, Oregon	Expand the Navigate Program to assist BIPOC farmers access and acquire land for farming in Oregon	55,000
Friends of Zenger Farm Portland, Oregon	Support operations and promote education around sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and food access through an urban farm setting in East Portland	36,000
Friends of Zenger Farm Portland, Oregon	Support the Community Supported Agriculture Partnerships for Health Coalition, a partnership between local farms and healthcare agencies to improve food access and health outcomes for communities of color and low-income communities in Multnomah County	80,000
Garten Services Inc Salem, Oregon	Support operations and programs to provide training, supported employment opportunities, and supportive socialization programs for individuals with disabilities in the Willamette Valley	60,000
Green Lents Portland, Oregon	Support operations and expand access to resources that promote environmental justice and food sovereignty for residents in the Lents area of Multnomah County	25,000
Growing Gardens Portland, Oregon	Support operations and a gardening mentorship and leadership development program to expand its services and partnerships with community health organizations and affect food system change for BIPOC and low-income communities in Multnomah County	80,000
Hacienda Community Development Corporation Portland, Oregon	Support capacity building to launch an 80/20 Loan Program to advance first-time homeownership in Latinx and BIPOC communities in the Portland metro region and Umatilla County	240,000
HereTogether Portland, Oregon	Support operations and regional coordination of the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure to improve conditions for individuals experiencing homelessness in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	50,000
Horizon Project Milton-Freewater, Oregon	Support renovation of the STEP Center in Hermiston, which will provide services to facilitate independence and self-sufficiency for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities	100,000
Hygiene4All Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to improve the health and safety of individuals who are houseless in Multnomah County	30,000
Imagine Black Futures Beaverton, Oregon	Sustain organizational capacity and fiscal and staffing health by hiring finance and human resources staff	175,000
Immanuel Lutheran Church Woodburn, Oregon	Support essential pre-development project support for the Woodburn Opportunity Center for the Latino community and community members in the Clackamas, Marion, and Yamhill counties, in part through a challenge match	50,000
Impact NW Portland, Oregon	Support a project providing equitable support and mentorship for teen and young fathers under the age of 25 in Multnomah County	25,000
Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland Portland, Oregon	Support operations and culturally specific programs serving Japanese and Asian seniors in Multnomah County	15,000

Community Welfare continued

JOIN Portland, Oregon	Support operations and staffing for programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness to transition into permanent housing in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties	\$100,000
Ke Kukui Foundation Vancouver, Washington	Support operations, preserve and maintain a library of Hawaiian and Polynesian cultural and performance arts, and provide cultural and arts education programming for general audiences across Oregon	40,000
Kōr Community Land Trust Bend, Oregon	Hire a Homeownership Program Coordinator to support BIPOC families from low-income households achieve homeownership in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties	35,000
Latino Community Association, The Bend, Oregon	Support general operations to expand services delivering immigration counseling, and workforce education and coaching in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties	135,000
Latino Network Portland, Oregon	Support construction of a community-centered hub for culturally-specific Latino programs in East Multnomah County	240,000
Macdonald Center Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and provide basic needs supports for low-income individuals living in social isolation or experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County	30,000
Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good Vision Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to strengthen relationships and organizational partnerships with Indigenous-led organizations in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	50,000
Neighborhood Partnerships Inc Portland, Oregon	Support base building and leadership development through the Residents Organizing for Change Program for individuals impacted by the housing crisis and lack of affordable housing in Oregon	60,000
Northwest Employment Education and Defense Fund (NEED Fund) Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to provide programs supporting workplace dignity and improving wages and working conditions for Latinx and BIPOC low-wage, immigrant, and contingent workers in Oregon	50,000
Northwest Health Foundation Fund II Portland, Oregon	Support narrative change and public education strategy to foster housing justice and supportive programs for people experiencing homelessness in the Portland metro area	40,000
OK You Inc Portland, Oregon	Support mental health and social-emotional arts program for Latino youth and families in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	24,000
On-the-Move Community Integration Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and programming to provide day-supported activities for adults experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities in Multnomah County	70,000
Options for Homeless Residents of Ashland Ashland, Oregon	Support operations and programs aiding individuals experiencing houselessness and/or living on low incomes in Jackson County	100,000
Oregon Food Bank Inc Portland, Oregon	Support the organization's Expanding Community Power strategies to collaborate with BIPOC communities through leadership development and grassroots advocacy across Oregon	75,000
Oregon Recovers Portland, Oregon	Support for general operations to build leadership and advocacy by and for people in recovery from substance abuse throughout Oregon	80,000
Our Village Gardens Portland, Oregon	Support operations, community-led governance, and organizational leadership to create equitable food systems promoting sustainable access to healthy foods for residents at an affordable housing community in Portland	100,000
Parenting Now Eugene, Oregon	Support pilot phase elements to update culturally inclusive parenting education for Spanish-speaking families in Lane County	5,000

Community Welfare continued

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support leadership development programming to build the movement to end hunger across Oregon	\$ 40,000
PDX Diaper Bank Portland, Oregon	Support capacity expansion of operations and staffing to increase diapering supply distribution to communities living on low incomes in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	30,000
PHAME Academy Portland, Oregon	Support operations to expand arts programming for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties	28,000
Portland Community Football Club Portland, Oregon	Build capacity of the new Family Services Program providing wraparound service support to youth of color and families living on low incomes in Multnomah County	25,000
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives Portland, Oregon	Construct an affordable housing rental complex for Black seniors at risk of facing or experiencing homelessness in Multnomah County	160,000
Portland Women in Technology Inc Portland, Oregon	Increase staff and capacity to expand access and opportunities in technology fields for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and professionals over the age of 50 years in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	85,000
Pro-Choice Oregon Foundation Portland, Oregon	Support operations and reduce barriers for communities with limited access to reproductive healthcare across Oregon	60,000
Professional Business Development Group Foundation Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to provide business development programs for underserved and under-resourced communities of color, immigrant, and women business owners in construction and construction-related industries in Oregon	50,000
Proud Ground Portland, Oregon	Support the Opening Doors Initiative to expand affordable homeownership opportunities for people of color in Clackamas, Lincoln, Multnomah, and Washington counties	110,000
Reach Inc. Klamath Falls, Oregon	Support operations and rebuild participant services programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Klamath County	75,000
Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network Eugene, Oregon	Support the development of a crowdfunding platform to provide equitable access to capital for underrepresented entrepreneurs and small businesses in Oregon	60,000
Resolutions Northwest Portland, Oregon	Support workshops and training to address media bias and racial discrimination in storytelling for BIPOC non-profit organizations and content creators throughout Oregon	26,600
Rohingya Youth Association of Portland Portland, Oregon	Support programming providing health and wellness support, workforce development, cultural needs, and social and community connections for Rohingya and Myanmar Muslim communities and Somali refugees and immigrants in Multnomah County	14,000
Rural Organizing Project Cottage Grove, Oregon	Support general operations to strengthen skills, resources, and vision of rural groups organizing for justice and increase organization sustainability, partially through a challenge match	80,000
Samoa Pacific Development Corporation Portland, Oregon	Support for research and development of housing stability programs for Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in Oregon	25,000
Sisters of the Road Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs that build relationships, address food insecurity issues and work on systemic changes for communities experiencing homelessness and poverty in Multnomah County	68,000
Siuslaw Outreach Services Inc Florence, Oregon	Support programs providing emergency assistance and homeless relief services for people experiencing poverty and housing instability in western Lane County	10,000

Community Welfare continued

South Wasco Alliance Tygh Valley, Oregon	Support a community needs and readiness assessment to inform economic, workforce, and food system development strategies for communities living in and near Wasco County	\$ 16,100
Special Olympics Oregon Inc Beaverton, Oregon	Support expansion of leadership development opportunities and school-based athletic programs for adults and youth with intellectual disabilities in Oregon	35,000
Street Books Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and capacity building to provide library services to people living outside in the Portland metro area	35,000
Street Roots Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs as the organization undergoes a capital campaign to relocate its headquarters to expand and enhance direct services for people experiencing homelessness and poverty in Multnomah County	180,000
Street Trust Community Fund, The Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to engage and mobilize BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities and individuals living in low-income neighborhoods to advocate for transportation justice in the Portland metro region	15,000
Suma Portland, Oregon	Support operations to promote just, inclusive technology futures with frontline communities in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties	100,000
Tides Foundation San Francisco, California	Support a professional development project that prepares BIPOC education leaders for elected or appointed offices across Oregon	15,000
Torus Portland, Oregon	Support operations and provide immigrants and refugees in the Portland Metro region with classes and tools to learn English	30,000
Transition Projects Inc Portland, Oregon	Increase staffing to provide access to healthcare support and wrap-around services for transgender, gender non-binary and older adults experiencing homelessness and transitioning to permanent housing in Multnomah County	60,000
United Territories of Pacific Islanders Alliance Portland Portland, Oregon	Support organizational capacity to ensure effective operations and expand services to Queer and Trans Pacific Islanders in the Portland metro area	240,000
Uprise Collective Beaverton, Oregon	Support operations and expand multiculturally-led and serving programs designed by and for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and disability communities in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties	195,000
Volunteers of America of Oregon Inc Portland, Oregon	Support the Economic Empowerment Project, providing training and support for domestic violence survivors' financial independence and long-term stability in Multnomah County	35,000
Willamette Valley Development Officers Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to grow and evolve programming and increase staffing capacity for Oregon nonprofit professionals	54,000
Wisdom of the Elders Incorporated Portland, Oregon	Support operations and digitize Wisdom of the Elders' analog media archives to increase access and expand curriculum across Oregon	90,000
Women-SEW Global Foundation Gresham, Oregon	Support operations, sewing classes, and culturally-specific sewing collectives serving immigrant and refugee women in the Portland metro region	30,000
YWCA of Greater Portland Portland, Oregon	Support programing and staffing to provide advocacy and training for safe and equitable workplaces and mental health care for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and transgender sex worker communities in Oregon	15,000
YWCA of Greater Portland Portland, Oregon	Hire a program director to support and stabilize the growing Fiscal Sponsorship program for organizations and collaborative efforts led by and serving primarily BIPOC, LGBTQ+ communities, and Women in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Lane, and Wasco counties	106,000

Education

All Hands Raised Portland, Oregon	Support uncovering systemic factors that contribute to barriers to student success and develop evidence-based solutions to improve student engagement for BIPOC K–12 students in Multnomah County	\$100,000
College Possible Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to serve youth from low-income families, and culturally specific and immigrant communities living in Columbia, Morrow, Multnomah, Umatilla, and Washington counties	60,000
Columbia River Maritime Museum Inc Astoria, Oregon	Partner with Indigenous scholars and advisors to develop an exhibit on the rich cultural wisdom of Pacific Northwest Indigenous people for audiences across Oregon	50,000
Creative and Emergent Technology Institute Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and programming through an advanced learning model, using emergent technologies for marginalized communities in Multnomah County	35,000
Éducate Ya Inc Portland, Oregon	Support operations for community organizing and developing the Intercambio Program for Latinx community in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	35,000
KairosPDX Portland, Oregon	Support staffing and establish an IT infrastructure to support a comprehensive data and technology plan, optimizing the organization's operations to benefit BIPOC children and families in Multnomah County	150,000
Portland State University Foundation Portland, Oregon	Support staffing for the BIPOC STEAM Ecosystem project's culturally-specific STEAM education programming for youth from BIPOC and immigrant communities to access learning and job opportunities in the Portland metro region	65,000
Portland Urban Debate League Portland, Oregon	Support operations and expand data collection capabilities to improve debate programs for high school students in Multnomah County	20,000
Project LEDO Portland, Oregon	Support operations and STEM-focused programming for students of color and students from low-income households in Multnomah and Washington counties	60,000
Reading Results Portland, Oregon	Expand access to a reading intervention program primarily serving BIPOC students impacted by COVID-19 in Multnomah County	30,000
ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum Ashland, Oregon	Support operations and develop accessible, interactive science programs and exhibits primarily for children from low-income households in Jackson County	50,000
Shadow Project Portland, Oregon	Support operations and improve educational experiences for K–8 students with disabilities in Marion, Multnomah, and Yamhill counties	35,000
TiE Oregon Foundation Portland, Oregon	Support the TiE Young Entrepreneurs program for BIPOC youth and youth living in low-income communities in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties	25,000
Together We Are Greater Than Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to improve educational outcomes for students living in low-income households attending historically under-resourced schools in Multnomah and Washington counties	50,000
Willamette University Salem, Oregon	Support operations and programs to facilitate college access for first generation college bound Latino youth, other youth of color, or youth from families with low incomes in Marion and Polk counties	50,000

Environment

1000 Friends of Oregon Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs during an internal leadership transition to protect farms, forests, and natural areas, and improve the quality of life for urban and rural communities in Oregon	\$ 50,000
BlueGreen Alliance Foundation Minneapolis, Minnesota	Increase capacity of an Oregon-based program to facilitate coalition-building between environmental organizations and labor unions to address climate, workforce, and environmental justice issues	60,000
Columbia Riverkeeper Hood River, Oregon	Support operations and partner with Tribal Nations and Latinx communities to promote leadership and advocacy for the environmental protection of the Columbia River communities	30,000
Crag Law Center Portland, Oregon	Support operations and organization-wide efforts to implement an intersectional approach to environmental protection across Oregon	30,000
Elakha Alliance Siletz, Oregon	Hire its first Executive Director to lead the organization and its efforts to restore the sea otter population to the Oregon Coast	50,000
Forest Bridges The O&C Forest Habitat Project Inc Roseburg, Oregon	Hire a full-time executive director to expand the organization's capacity to work with diverse stakeholders and adopt a collaborative approach to the management of the Oregon and California Railroad Revested Lands in Western Oregon	80,000
Friends of the Columbia Gorge Portland, Oregon	Support operations and environmental stewardship programs to promote restoration, stewardship, conversation, and community engagement in the Columbia Gorge	10,000
Hood River Valley Residents Committee, Inc. Hood River, Oregon	Support operations, advancement of organizational equity and inclusion goals, and provide stability through a leadership transition	20,000
Neighbors for Clean Air Portland, Oregon	Support operations and programs to improve air quality and raise awareness on air pollution for communities of color and marginalized communities in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties	25,000
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Portland, Oregon	Support health professionals to organize for climate justice and advocate for communities most impacted by climate change in Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Marion, Multnomah, and Washington counties	30,000
Rogue Climate Phoenix, Oregon	Support operations, climate justice programs, and organize BIPOC and low-income communities most affected by climate change in rural Coos, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties	35,000
Tides Center San Francisco, California	Provide project support to convene and strengthen network partners centering Indigenous voices and BIPOC and LGBTQIA communities in environmental justice across Oregon	50,000
Western Environmental Law Center Eugene, Oregon	Provide and share legal support and technical assistance to Tribes across Oregon	34,000

Health & Science

4th Dimension Recovery Center, The Portland, Oregon	Support a project providing culturally-specific alcohol and drug support and training services for Latino/a/e communities in Multnomah and Washington counties	50,000
Daisy C.H.A.I.N. Creating Healthy Alliances in New-Mothering Eugene, Oregon	Support operations and programs increasing health equity for pregnant and parenting families in Lane County	40,000
Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation Maupin, Oregon	Construct a new rural health clinic serving medically underserved individuals in South Wasco County	100,000

Health & Science continued

HIV Alliance Eugene, Oregon	Support HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) prevention and education programs serving youth and medically underserved adults in LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and marginalized communities across Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Marion, and Lane counties	\$ 30,000
Operation Period Eugene, Oregon	Support general operations, staff development and programs that strengthen the menstrual freedom movement in Benton, Lane, Linn and Washington counties	55,000
Oregon Spinal Cord Injury Connection Portland, Oregon	Support general operations and programs for people affected by spinal cord injuries in Oregon	50,000
Our Community Birth Center Springfield, Oregon	Support operations and hire a Nurse Midwife to provide culturally responsive care and increase access to midwifery birth center care in Lane, Coos and Douglas counties	32,000
Public Health Institute Oakland, California	Support OPHI's Right From The Start Program by providing training and technical assistance for African and African-American emerging childcare providers throughout Oregon	60,000
Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation Aloha, Oregon	Renovate and expand a wellness center providing medical and dental service and support programs for Latinx and underserved communities in Yamhill County	75,000
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic Springfield, Oregon	Support operations to provide primary and behavioral healthcare services to medically-underserved communities living on low incomes in Lane County	20,000
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades Bend, Oregon	Support operations to provide patient care to the Latino communities and families living in low-income neighborhoods in Central Oregon, in part through a challenge match	160,000
Wallace Medical Concern, The Portland, Oregon	Support staffing to provide integrated healthcare coordination for underserved residents of color and other marginalized communities living on low incomes in Multnomah County	40,000
We Are Healers, Inc Portland, Oregon	Provide capacity support to increase access to health profession education for Native youth across Oregon	100,000
WellMama Inc Eugene, Oregon	Support operations and provide perinatal mental health services for primarily Latinx, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ families and individuals in Lane County	25,000
White Bird Clinic Eugene, Oregon	Support dental care outreach programs serving children from low-income households in Lane County	30,000

Humanities

High Desert Museum, The Bend, Oregon	Develop curricula and resources related to Native American tribal histories and that of Oregon Black Pioneers for K–12 classrooms across Oregon	70,000
Independent Publishing Resource Center Inc Portland, Oregon	Support general operations increasing the organization's capacity and programming, serving the independent printing community, artists, and the general public living in Multnomah County	20,000
Vanport Placemaking Project Portland, Oregon	Support a placemaking project honoring those most affected by the historic Vanport Flood and emphasizing Native American and Black communities in Multnomah County	25,000
Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center Inc Wallowa, Oregon	Support the production of a documentary and create a digital archive to preserve and celebrate the Nez Perce Tribe and Native culture in Oregon	21,000
Washington County Historical Society Portland, Oregon	Support general operations to prioritize museum access for communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Multnomah and Washington counties	30,000

Collins Foundation Grant History

1947		
1948	5	\$5,000
1949	4	\$24,000
1950	5	\$18,000
1951	11	\$30,000
1952	6	\$43,500
1953	7	\$62,500
1954	8	\$83,500
1955	8	\$100,961
1956	13	\$104,452
1957	11	\$111,300
1958	11	\$119,450
1959	10	\$116,000
1960	14	\$120,100
1961	15	\$122,450
1962	11	\$140,850
1963	22	\$134,450
1964	34	\$181,425
1965	41	\$335,006
1966	47	\$455,798
1967	64	\$566,104
1968	61	\$648,726

1969	79	\$808,867
1970	76	\$655,576
1971	76	\$740,914
1972	79	\$884,607
1973	84	\$903,984
1974	84	\$881,266
1975	78	\$994,279
1976	81	\$902,885
1977	87	\$1,139,470
1978	81	\$1,154,970
1979	89	\$1,407,806
1980	99	\$1,950,046
1981	94	\$2,295,899
1982	107	\$1,453,550
1983	112	\$1,477,200
1984	119	\$1,811,717
1985	129	\$2,420,387
1986	147	\$3,123,420
1987	146	\$3,397,992
1988	150	\$3,263,686
1989	180	\$3,342,439
1990	185	\$3,880,240

1991	154	\$4,194,343
1992	190	\$4,621,253
1993	205	\$5,054,205
1994	218	\$5,263,160
1995	206	\$5,399,970
1996	208	\$6,320,998
1997	218	\$7,732,395
1998	245	\$7,155,330
1999	251	\$8,559,848
2000	244	\$7,996,859
2001	246	\$7,986,550
2002	244	\$7,579,300
2003	238	\$6,573,280
2004	256	\$6,601,452
2005	245	\$8,244,790
2006	266	\$8,897,619
2007	269	\$9,174,505
2008	262	\$8,288,890
2009	234	\$6,702,450
2010	261	\$7,467,058
2011	262	\$8,055,450
2012	274	\$8,233,800

2013	268	\$9,113,297
2014	264	\$10,315,890
2015	290	\$10,327,027
2016	290	\$9,697,551
2017	299	\$10,486,113
2018	310	\$11,024,897

2019	240	\$10,005,455
2020	356	\$16,232,700
2021	339	\$14,856,340
2022	244	\$14,494,187

Over 75 years:

Total number of grants awarded is 3,949

The total dollars paid and awarded is \$315,071,734

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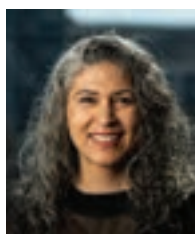
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