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Latino Partnership Program Awards Nearly $900,000 to Latino-Led, Latino-Serving Nonprofits Statewide

New partnership with OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation expands wealth-building investments for Latino entrepreneurs and families

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Latino Partnership Program of Oregon Community Foundation is supporting Latino-led and Latino-serving nonprofits across Oregon with $897,000 in grants to organizations that advance education, leadership development and wealth building in Latino communities.

The 70 new grants provide general operating support, recognizing nonprofit partners' need for flexibility and sustainability. This year, LPP received applications from every region of Oregon. Education drew the most applications and recommendations, followed by wealth building.

"This year's grants reflect the resilience and resourcefulness of Latino organizations across Oregon," said Mirna Loreli Cibrian, Senior Program Officer for the Latino Partnership Program. "As organizations navigate community concerns and funding uncertainty, flexible general operating support enables them to remain strong. We are committed to listening, responding and investing to meet this moment with purpose, compassion and a shared commitment to strengthening communities across Oregon."

Cibrian added that the grants reflect the fact that Latino-serving organizations play a critical role in advancing educational success and long-term economic mobility. When these organizations must redirect limited resources to respond to immediate crises, their ability to invest in long-term opportunities is diminished.

Organizations that applied in the wealth-building category emphasized culturally responsive, bilingual programming addressing financial literacy, entrepreneurship,

homeownership and workforce development, with several citing steep drops in sales and mounting economic pressure on Latino-owned small businesses.

Leadership development applicants focused on mentorship, civic engagement and workforce pathways for young people and adults. Education applicants emphasized bilingual instruction, family engagement and support addressing barriers tied to immigration and mental health.

Grants Reach Every Corner of Oregon

This year's grantees span the state, from the South Coast to Eastern Oregon. The Mexican American Citizens League in Ontario received $15,000. In Central Oregon, Better Together Central Oregon in Redmond received $15,000, and in Southern Oregon, La Clinica in Medford received $15,000. A grant of $15,000 went to Hacienda Community Development Corporation in Portland.

Partnership Built with OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation

A new three-year commitment from OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation allows LPP to provide additional awards for wealth-building work. The partnership supports Prosperidad Oregon, Latino Founders, Latino Community Association and Malheur Education Service District, which provide culturally responsive business coaching, workforce development, entrepreneurship support, early learning career pathways and access to capital.

“This partnership with OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation reflects our shared commitment to expanding economic opportunity in Latino communities,” Cibrian said. “As Oregon’s Latino community continues to grow, we welcome new partners who share our commitment to creating lasting impact.”

Grantees supported by OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation:

Prosperidad Oregon empowers Latino Oregonians by providing access to capital and opportunities for personal and economic growth. Its business coaching and lending initiative combines bilingual business coaching, financial education and navigation support with flexible microloans and Individual Development Accounts for minority-owned businesses excluded from traditional systems. (Northern Willamette Valley)

Latino Founders advances economic mobility and generational wealth for Latino entrepreneurs through culturally relevant business education, leadership development and pathways to capital. Its flagship 10-week Accelerator program supports early-stage Latino entrepreneurs in transforming ideas into scalable, market-ready businesses, offering education, mentorship and connections to

capital. The program culminates in Pitch Latino, where founders showcase their businesses to the community. (Statewide)

Latino Community Association empowers Latino families to thrive by creating opportunities for advancement and building bridges that unite the community. Its workforce empowerment program strengthens economic stability and growth in Central Oregon, helping participants access employment and advance into sustainable, higher-wage careers or grow their own businesses while confronting barriers such as language, educational attainment and unfamiliarity with systems. (Central Oregon)

Malheur Education Service District, through its Eastern Oregon Child Care Resources program, champions accessible, equitable and sustainable early learning workforce pathways. Its Spanish Cohort Child Care Business Accelerator supports Latino families to become small business owners, stabilize their income and build long-term assets by treating child care as an essential service and a pathway to entrepreneurship and housing stability. (Eastern Oregon)

A full list of Latino Partnership Program grants is available here.

About the Latino Partnership Program

Established in 2002, the Latino Partnership Program is a statewide program of Oregon Community Foundation that addresses the challenges facing Oregon's Latino community. With the support of many volunteers, LPP centers the voices and experiences of Latino Oregonians by leaning into the strengths and collective wisdom of comunidades across Oregon. LPP partners with community leaders and organizations working in its focus areas of education, leadership development and wealth building.

About Oregon Community Foundation

Since 1973, Oregon Community Foundation has worked to improve the lives of all Oregonians through the power of philanthropy. In partnership with donors and volunteers, OCF strengthens communities in every county in Oregon through grantmaking, scholarships and research. To learn more, visit oregoncf.org.

About OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation

The OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation is an independent nonprofit established in 2024. Funded by OnPoint Community Credit Union, the OnPoint Community Credit Union Foundation carries forward the credit union’s legacy of supporting education and community well-being across Oregon and southwest Washington. The organization seeks to transform the financial vitality of our

community by expanding access to financial education and financial literacy, education, and capital. Learn more at onpointcu.com/community-giving.

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