

January 14, 2015

Dear community partners,

We are excited to announce availability of small community grants to elevate our voice and strengthen our housing advocacy in the state capitol. (Thanks to Meyer Memorial Trust for creating this opportunity). As you may know, the Housing Alliance is committed to securing more resources for housing that is affordable and to advocate for policy changes that will ensure all our community members have a safe, stable, affordable place to call home.

Our legislators must hear from all of us to make this happen. We need to ensure they understand that housing must be a priority if we are to meet our health, economic, environmental, and educational goals.

Over the past few months we have heard that you may be interested and ready to take the next step to join us in this work or continue to support our efforts. Please let us know if you are interested in these grants of \$1,000 to \$3,000 and how these funds will facilitate your engagement of staff, community members, or organizational leadership in housing advocacy efforts.

If you have questions or want to talk through a concept, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Janet or me. We look forward to working together to ensure policy victories that make our communities stronger.

Sincerely,



Omar Carrillo Tinajero
Housing Policy Manager
Neighborhood Partnerships

To be considered for a small grant, please submit this form by January 30, 2015. First allocation decisions will be made on February 3rd and then, if funds allow, on a rolling basis.

Organization:

Small grant manager/contact:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Amount requested:

Please attach a short narrative (2-3 paragraph) description of the proposed activities.

Proposed use of funds (check all that apply):

- Recruit participants to Housing Opportunity Day in Salem on March 11 and May 13 and support their participation or reimburse costs
- Train advocates for legislative advocacy, including visiting legislators
- Train staff, board members, and organizational leaders
- Pay for transportation
- Staff time to participate more fully and deeply in Housing Alliance
- Host community focus groups on housing issues
- Other:

Neighborhood Partnerships has planned two Housing Opportunity Days in Salem, scheduled for March 11 and May 13. We will also hold membership meetings on February 26, April 30, and June 25. We will coordinate legislative visits, briefing sessions, and updates for these events, and provide transportation from Portland and other areas as needed.

What else can we do to support your engagement?

- Provide materials for advocacy trainings, and support you in delivery or preparation of trainings
- Facilitate advocacy trainings for staff, board members, community members
- Other:

Submit completed form by e-mail or snail mail to:
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