

## ONI/COALITION/NEIGHBORHOOD SYSTEM QUARTERLY REPORTING NARRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS IN CORE PROGRAM AREAS

**COALITION NAME:** SE Uplift  
**Year:** 2017-2018  
**Quarter (circle one):** 1<sup>st</sup> (July-Sept) **2<sup>nd</sup> (Oct-Dec)** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Jan to Mar) 4<sup>th</sup> (Apr to June)

Describe highlights of the activities of your neighborhood coalition office in the core program areas of the grant agreement. The highlights can include description of activities and approaches used, materials developed, staff role, publicity and/or organizing model best practices, outcomes and any lessons learned in each area during the quarter, and photos in electronic format.

The core program areas include:

- [1] Strengthen community capacity by developing NAs and the leadership potential of individuals to initiate, coordinate and implement effective advocacy efforts
- [2] Increase the number and diversity of people involved in neighborhood and community livability issues to ensure NAs are reflective of the community
- [3] Foster networking and collaboration between NAs, BDAs, DCL participating organizations, historically under-engaged communities and other community groups
- [4] Encourage and facilitate communication among community members, NAs, and public and private agencies and groups

### Strengthen Community Capacity

#### Real Choice Initiative

11/14/17; 20 participants

SE Uplift hosted this first meeting of the Real Choice Initiative. The Real Choice Initiative is an organization run by and for people with disabilities to support and maintain independent living in the community. Group homes currently house a considerable number of people who have independent living experience and capacities-- simply because finding accessible affordable housing is difficult-- so this group works on housing justice for people with disabilities. This event demonstrated best practices for inclusion, including interpretation, supports/ accommodations/ universal design for people with mobility differences and sensory differences, and included individuals who were blind, deaf, and with intellectual and physical disabilities. SE Uplift



contributed to making this event possible by providing meeting space, promoting the event, and providing some on-site staff support.

#### SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee

Monthly (no meeting in December), 22 average attendees

SE Uplift's monthly Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) meetings continued to host knowledgeable speakers with relevant and timely information and resources about land use and transportation projects and plans happening across the city. These meetings equip Neighborhood Association representatives with necessary information to share back with their neighbors so community members know how and when to weigh in on issues important to them as well coordinate and implement effective advocacy efforts as appropriate. The Neighborhood Planning Program Manager coordinates with a variety of presenters from City Bureau and

TriMet staff to local experts to present on land use and transportation projects and issues impacting Southeast residents. Topics this quarter included presentations on the Residential Infill Project, Historic District Code Project, the Division Transit Project, Harrison-Lincoln Greenway project, and more.

In recent months, SEUL has made improvements to its Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Neighborhood Program Manager created and implemented a sustainable system for posting agendas, meeting notes, handouts, and BPS project updates online in a consistent timeframe and location. This allows participants who want to share the information out or were not able to attend to have a reliable way of accessing this information. Additionally, the LUTC group had an opportunity to incorporate networking into the November meeting, which allowed new volunteers to build connections with long-standing volunteers. This strengthened their capacity to support their community around land-use related issues and work efficiently in their role.

### **SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation New Representative Orientation**

#### *4 New Neighborhood Association Representative Orientations*

With Neighborhood Association elections happening May through June, a number of new volunteers have taken on the role of Land Use and Transportation Representative for their neighborhood. This role can be a heavy lift for new volunteers but is a great opportunity for them to strengthen their capacity to support their neighbors with land use and transportation-related questions, concerns, and advocacy efforts. Over the last year, the Neighborhood Planning Program Manager has shifted from once a year group orientations to one-on-one meetings with new volunteers in this role in order to meet the specific needs of individual volunteers and neighborhoods. This shift has resulted in a stronger connection between SE Uplift and neighborhood land use/transportation representatives, greater participation at the Land Use and Transportation Committee Meetings, and a strengthened capacity of volunteers to support their neighbors related to land use and transportation needs.

### **Neighborhood Associations Board Orientation**

#### *11/28/17; 18 participants*

SE Uplift hosted new and returning neighborhood association board members to a lively and interactive training on board service (based upon the training developed by ONI and Coalition staff in 2010). Topics included an overview of Portland's community involvement system, SE Uplift's information sharing and advocacy models, board roles, responsibilities, and regulations, and solutions to common neighborhood association challenges.

### **Eastmoreland Bylaws Amendment Process**

#### *12/21/17; 34 participants*

During the month of December, SE Uplift staff worked with board members of the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association to develop a strategy for them to undertake a comprehensive revision of their bylaws. Due to the contentious nature of their recent elections and historic district efforts, the board agreed to extend the timeline and provide more opportunities for general membership feedback than required by their current bylaws. Prior to the bylaw committee beginning their internal process, SE Uplift presented to the full board at their December meeting. The presentation included a review of the timeline, the role of the bylaw committee, important considerations when amending bylaws, key areas of their bylaws that require amendments for compliance, and some additional important areas for committee consideration.

## **Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association Retreat**

*10/21/17; 10 participants*

SE Uplift staff provided the Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association with a board retreat with the aim of helping them to set clear goals and projects for the next year, ensuring all board members have assigned focus areas and are confident and committed to moving their areas forward, and determining how they would track progress towards those goals. Prior to the retreat, staff worked with MSANA's Chair to develop an agenda that would facilitate achieving these objectives within the two hours allocated. SE Uplift staff also facilitated the meeting and followed up with detailed notes.



## **Increase the Number and Diversity of People Involved**

### **What Now PDX**

*11/21/17; 2,000+ participants*

SE Uplift tabled at this year's What Now? PDX event at revolution hall. The event was a great opportunity to connect with community members looking to become more engaged, network with 60+ other community organization working on social change, and spread the word about our grant program.



## Neighborhood Small Grants Workshops, Webinars, and Technical Assistance

11/8/17, 11/16/17, 12/5/17, 12/10/17; 45+ participants

SE Uplift's Small Grants program provides community groups with seed money for projects aimed at connecting and engaging residents, building community capacity, and increasing community impact on public decision making. One of the more unique aspects of the grant program is that it is specifically designed to help community groups who have never applied for a grant take the first steps.

This year, SE Uplift held two grant workshops for interested community members to learn more about the application process, hear tips for writing successful grant applications, get feedback on project ideas, and ask questions. Attendees also had the opportunity to read portions of actual grant application narratives and review them based on the grant program goals and scoring criteria. In an effort to attract new and diverse participants and inspire attendees to think outside of traditional event spaces for their own projects, we held one of the workshops at the offsite with a local partner, the Badge Bomb showroom on Foster Rd. Another new element this year was that we hosted our first webinars. By providing both online and in-person opportunities for community members to learn about our program, we were able to expand the number and diversity of people who engaged with the program. Due to the success of these webinars, we hope to use the technology for other programs and services we provide.

In addition to the workshops, SE Uplift staff discussed project ideas either in-person or over the phone with over 23 potential grant applicants, reviewed roughly 9 draft grant applications, and responded to numerous requests for information.



**CALLING ALL DREAMERS, MAKERS, & WORLD-CHANGERS!**

[www.seuplift.org/na](http://www.seuplift.org/na)

**How would you use \$4,000 to create and shape your community?**

From intersection murals and emergency preparedness workshops to oral history projects and social justice dialogues, SE Uplift awards grants of up to \$4,000 to nonprofits, grassroots groups, and project teams working on community-driven projects.

**Make it happen!**

Never applied for a grant before? No problem! Join us for one of our grant workshops or webinars to learn how. Spots are filling up fast, so register today!

**WORKSHOP: Wednesday, November 8th**  
6:00 PM - 8:15 PM  
Badge Bomb (3534 SE Foster St)  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**WEBINAR: Thursday, November 16th**  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**WEBINAR: Tuesday, December 5th**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
[REGISTER HERE](#)

**WORKSHOP: Saturday, December 9th**  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
SE Uplift (3534 SE Main St)  
[REGISTER HERE](#)



## Montavilla Neighborhood Association Election

10/9/17; 250 participants

SE Uplift provided support to the Montavilla Neighborhood Association to prepare for and hold their 2017 neighborhood election. It was anticipated that the election would bring in large numbers of community members due to recent disagreements about homelessness and the role of the neighborhood association. SE Uplift staff worked with the board and an election committee to address community concerns of fairness and transparency. SE Uplift supported the event by participating in planning, preparing materials, training volunteers, and providing three staff at the event to support sign-in and counting of ballots. SE Uplift also conducted a recount, answered follow-up election results questions, and prepared a digital record of the election results, scanning all the ballots.



**MONTAVILLA**  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
**BOARD ELECTIONS**

OCTOBER 9TH, 2017  
General Meeting 6:30-7PM | Election Meeting 7PM-8PM  
Montavilla United Methodist Church 232 SE 80th Ave  
Portland, OR 97215

*Amplify YOUR Voice*

SHARE THE NEWS! BRING A NEIGHBOR WITH YOU.  
[montavillapdx.org](http://montavillapdx.org)



## Community Volunteer Opportunities at SE Uplift and SE Portland

Weekly; 3-5 volunteers weekly

SE Uplift formalized a relationship with On-the-Move Community Integration, where 2-3 adults with intellectual disabilities and 1 or 2 support staff come to SE Uplift to support community efforts through volunteer work. The volunteers have helped sort neighborhood mail, organize land use notices, hang flyers for SE Uplift and other neighborhood events, and cared for a neighborhood bioswale.



## Foster Networking and Collaboration

### Community Space Rental

SE Uplift provided community meeting space for 21 nonprofits, public agencies, and community groups between October and December. These groups included the Disability Art and Culture Project, Jewish Voices for Peace, Outcome Alternatives, Rose City Rollers, People's Food Coop, Raphael House, Portland Community College, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and more. By providing extremely affordable meeting space, SE Uplift is able support organizations working together and collaborating with the public and other groups.

### Portland Mercado Dia De Los Muertos

*10/30/17-11/1/17; 200 participants*

SE Uplift staff worked together to construct an altar that was entered into the Portland Mercado altar contest as part of their Dia De Los Muertos activities. Participants at the Mercado festival were able to vote for their favorite altar and enjoy music, food and face painting at this cultural experience. SE Uplift also supported the event by providing publicity through Facebook and the monthly newsletter. SE Uplift was presented with an award for participation (shown below).



### Reed / Creston-Kenilworth Cleanup

*10/7/17; 108 Households 15 Volunteers*

The Reed/ Creston-Kenilworth hosted a successful cleanup event with some dedicated board members and volunteers that collectively hauled away 16,860 pounds of bulky waste and recycled 10 tires and 26 electronics and appliances. Community Clean-up Events (CCE) grants are administered by SE Uplift.

### Village Coalition Board Conversation

*11/6/17; 30 participants*

The nonprofit organization Village Coalition presented to the SE Uplift Board of Directors this quarter. Village Coalition advocates for local solutions to homelessness/ houselessness through the creation of small self-governed villages where people who are unhoused live together in small communities and work together to survive, gather resources and build support networks. Board members were able to learn more about homelessness and houselessness, successes and challenges in finding housing options, and were able to take this information back to their neighborhoods and community groups. The SE Uplift director was able to follow up with Village Coalition by visiting a steering committee meeting, where she was able to schedule Melissa Castor, a village resident who was recently elected to a neighborhood association board, to speak at an upcoming SE Uplift meeting.

### **Feast For Southeast**

*11/23/17; 600 guests, 250 volunteers*

SE Uplift is the fiscal sponsor for Feast For Southeast, a free Thanksgiving meal for anyone and everyone who would like to come share time together in community. Now in its eighth year, Feast for Southeast has served between 250 and 750 Thanksgiving day meals per year. This year, Feast for Southeast was held at the Mt. Scott Community Center and served approximately 600 meals. 100% of the food for this event is donated from local stores and restaurants. This event is a giant community effort using approximately 250 community volunteers. This year's feast was more inclusive than ever, featuring vegan and gluten-free meals, meaning everyone could eat together. After 8 years of being a fiscal sponsoree of SE Uplift, Feast for Southeast is taking steps towards becoming an independent nonprofit.



### **Encourage and Facilitate Communication**

#### **Visit from Mayor Ted Wheeler**

*10/2/17; 35 participants*

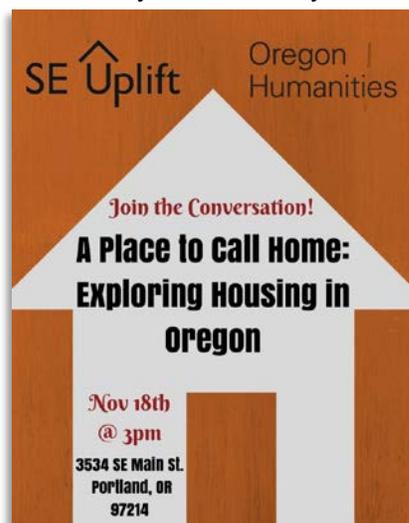
Mayor Ted Wheeler visited the SE Uplift Board of Directors Meeting in October. Approximately 25 board members representing neighborhood associations, community organizations, and community volunteers along with 5 visitors had the chance to speak first hand with Mayor Wheeler on issues of development, houselessness, renters' rights, and community livability. The Mayor spoke about his priorities and answered questions from those present. This was an opportunity for residents of SE Portland to communicate concerns and questions directly to Portland's government.



## Oregon Humanities Conversation Project Events

10/26/17 & 11/18/17; 70 participants

SE Uplift partnered with the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project to host two community conversation this quarter. On October 26th, we were joined by 55 community members to discuss “Power, Privilege and Racial Diversity in Oregon.” Participants learned about institutional racism in Oregon’s past and shared their own experiences with racism and discussed why the image of Oregon being “white” exists and how our diversity can be better reflected to the wider community. On November 18th, 15 community members joined us for “A Place to Call Home: Exploring Housing in Oregon” conversation. At this gathering, participants shared their views and emotions on the housing crisis in Oregon. Some participants also shared their personal experience with being houseless. The event reinforced the fact that housing accessibility affects everyone regardless of where you sleep.



## Lawyer's Committee on Civil Rights Hate Crime Training

10/4/17; 25 participants

The Asian Pacific Network of Oregon (APANO) and Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) partnered to host a workshop with the Lawyer's Committee on Civil Rights that has been resourcing local community groups responding to hate crimes across the country (funded in part by the Open Society initiative). The community training provided information on how to report a hate crime and how to get support. The 25 participants attending the training highlighted what we're seeing locally and were given opportunities to seek out resources such as information from the Lawyer's Committee on Civil Rights. SE Uplift is an active member and contributor to PUAH.

## Green Cleaners Workshop

11/30/17; 8 participants

Metro presented a workshop for SE Portland residents introducing green cleaning practices. Attendees were educated on choosing safer products for their homes and how to make their own cleaners with recipes and supplies brought in by the Green Cleaners facilitator. Metro and SE Uplift will continue working toward creating future workshops in household toxins reduction spring 2018. This was a new workshop offered in partnership between SE Uplift and Metro.

## **SE Neighborhood Conversation about Crime and Safety**

*11/16/17; 100 participants, 20 volunteers*

Approximately 100 neighbors gathered at Taborspace on November 16th to hear from an extensive panel of content experts and to learn and share information about crime and safety in Southeast Portland. The panel included representatives from the Mayor's office, Portland Police Bureau, district attorney's office, and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. The event, which was organized by community volunteers with the support of multiple neighborhood associations, provided participants the opportunity to identify concerns and opportunities and to understand the efforts and limitations of the various bureaus, agencies, and organizations whose scope includes crime prevention and homeless services. SE Uplift collaborated with ONI staff to provide consultation in the planning process (in-person meeting, phone, and email) to the event organizers, helped promote the event, and provided staff for support during the event.

