

## 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

#### White Ally Toolkit Training

*Apr 23rd, 35 attendees*

SE Uplift hosted Dr. David Camp's workshop White Ally Toolkit. Because SE Portland is roughly 79% white, training for white people in being an ally to Communities of Color is a relevant and much needed community building block. A nominal and sliding-scale fee was charged for the workshop and it was attended by 35 community members. SE Uplift also hosted the launch of Dr. Camp's White Ally Toolkit Praxis, an ongoing curriculum that he would like to use to establish ongoing workgroups throughout Portland so that white people can continue to work on ally-ship skills.



## **Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Response Team**

SE Uplift coordinated insurance coverage for an important project of Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association and the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET). The Laurelhurst NET needed to close traffic lanes on Cesar Chavez in order to move a large storage cache to a neighborhood school in which they will store equipment and supplies for emergencies. This was a large, coordinated project that required planning from the NET Team, the Laurelhurst neighborhood, Portland Bureau of Transportation, the local school, and SE Uplift.

## **Educate Ya Strategic Planning Retreat**

*May 2018*

SE Uplift was asked to facilitate a strategic planning process for one of our partner nonprofits in SE Portland. The founder and executive director of Educate Ya, Rafael Arellano-Barrera, met with SE Uplift executive director Molly Mayo, to create an agenda and process for the board retreat where the strategic plan would be developed. At the board retreat, Molly facilitated the board discussion and actions, and strategic goals and bylaws updates were developed. Rafael and Molly met again to formulate the board recommendations into a document, which the board reviewed and approved at the next board meeting.

## **Community Space Rental**

SE Uplift continues to proactively reach out to community groups to create a community-center feel in our building, and to provide much-needed space for long-term office rentals and conference room space for meetings and events. Over the past quarter we have continued to partner with Disability Art and Culture Project, which hosted a community conversation for people with disabilities who are immigrants and refugees. The National Alliance on Mental Illness has booked our space for multiple meetings, and SEUL grantee Avanza used meeting space for many of the events of their cohort of Latinx leaders. We hosted Dr. David Campt of White Ally Toolkit for the launch of his Praxis series, and also hosted a session of his Praxis during one of his returns to Portland. Other building users included the World Affairs Council, Rose City Rollers (women's roller derby board meetings), Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights, and Oregon Prison Project. SE Uplift maintains a very low rate for building use and always works with organizations or groups needing any type of accomodation or sliding scale.

## **SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC)**

*Monthly, 24 average attendees/meeting*

To build capacity around land use and transportation policy, issues, and city systems this quarter's LUTC hosted timely and relevant land use and transportation-related topics (i.e. Design Overlay Zone Amendments, Pedestrian Master Plan, Neighborhood Contact Code Update and more!). The Neighborhood Planning Program Manager wrote two newsletter articles to provide information on related advocacy efforts happening at the city and state level related to land use and transportation. SE Uplift published an article in May on the [2035 Comprehensive Plan implementation](#) and an article on the [Portland Pedestrian Master Plan](#) in June. Additionally, SE Uplift hosted a Race and Place Conversation Project to foster further conversation on how Oregon's history of racism - including in our land use and transportation policy- influences our present and asked: How can diversity and inclusion create thriving communities?

## **Fiscal Sponsorship**

*Ongoing*

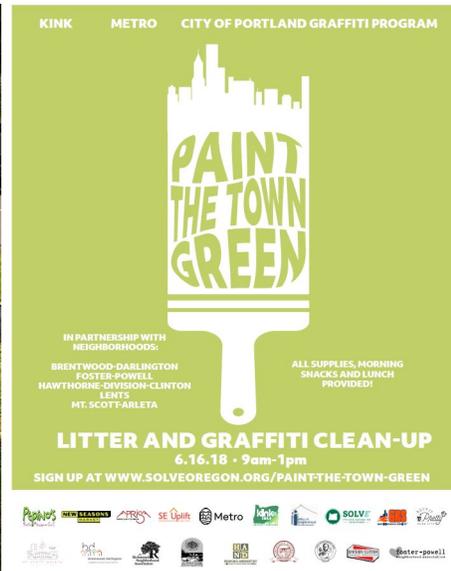
SE Uplift provides Fiscal Sponsorship to over 40 neighborhood projects in SE Portland. We are continuously supporting the fiscal and administrative needs to make all of the projects a success. From April to June we have supported multiple projects like the Foster Powell Community Garden, Paint the Town Green Litter Pickup, Essex Park Mural, Kerns United Mural, general Neighborhood Association activities and more.

## Increase the Number and Diversity of People Involved

### Neighborhood Cleanups (CCE)

*April, May, June, 1,765 Community Members Involved*

10 neighborhoods hosted Cleanups and 6 neighborhoods held litter pick-ups this quarter with a grand total of approximately 1,500 households being served. 264 neighborhood volunteers worked hard to coordinate the Cleanup events unload cars, greet neighbors and pick-up litter from streets. Over 73 tons (143,000 lbs.) of garbage and debris were removed from neighborhood streets and households. This year also included Paint the Town Green, a new annual litter-pickup and graffiti abatement event that included 5 neighborhoods, one outside our coalition area in Lents with new sponsor Kink Radio, the City of Portland's Graffiti Abatement Program and Imperfect Produce.



### Neighborhood Association Elections Assistance

*05/1/17 through 6/15/17, 18 neighborhood associations*

SE Uplift provided support to 18 Neighborhood Associations throughout May and June to prepare for and host their 2018 neighborhood elections. SE Uplift liaisons worked with the board chairs and in some cases election committees to provide technical assistance regarding election promotion and outreach, supported volunteers during the elections, and supported newly elected board members.

### Richmond Election Assistance

*June 11th, 140 attendees*

SE Uplift provided support to the Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) to prepare for, and host their 2018 neighborhood election. SE Uplift staff worked with the RNA board to address community concerns of fairness and transparency. We also worked with the RNA board to leverage the opportunity to inform the community about what the neighborhood association offers, and its accomplishments. SE Uplift supported the event by participating in planning, preparing materials, training volunteers, and had two staff at the event to support sign-in and counting of ballots. The meeting hosted two information tables to provide educational opportunities, networking opportunities and voting done by 140 participants.

### **Eastmoreland Election Assistance**

May 17, 400+ attendees

After the 2016 Eastmoreland election in which over 1000 people came to vote, SE Uplift staff were prepared to provide significant assistance again with the 2017 election. Around 500 people came to vote at this year's annual meeting. SE Uplift staff managed the ballot boxes, were onsite to answer questions, and SE Uplift staff and volunteers counted the hundreds of ballots over the next week back at the SE Uplift building. Because of contentious issues in the neighborhood, SE Uplift also coordinated for representation from ONI to be present at the election.

### **Laurelhurst Election Assistance**

May 29th, 300 attendees

The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association had record turnout with 300 ballots cast. SE Uplift staff supported the LNA board by consulting on the election process, preparing and providing election resources such as ballot tally sheets, and coordinated and participated in counting the ballots at the election.

### **Earth Day Litter Pickup- LGBTQIA POC- led Day of Service**

04/22/18, 18 volunteers

Some of SE Uplift's most marginalized communities worked together for our event, Earth Day; An LGBTQIA- POC Led Day of Service & Litter Pickup! Together, Sankofa Collective Northwest, Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, @FeedThePeoplePDX (Katie Chickadonz), community volunteers and SE Uplift picked up over 2, 535 pounds (1.26768 tons) of litter!. Food and hygiene bags were also dispersed to those in need. St. Francis Catholic Parish of Portland and Triumph Coffee for taking the event waste bags of litter and providing free coffee for volunteers. This event was also featured on KATU's channel's Earth Day segment.



### **Small Grants Program Celebration and Grantees**

April 5th, 30 attendees

The SE Uplift Small Grants Program hosted an evening celebration for grantees, members of the grant evaluation committee, and SE Uplift staff to come together to network, meet each other, and celebrate the upcoming projects that will develop community within SE Portland. Grantees of the program are:

Benson High School Tech Geometry Program, Benson High School Build for Portland Mercado Plaza

Award Amount: \$2,486.50

Benson Polytechnic High School's Tech Geometry is a contextualized math class that teaches geometry to 9th graders through applied community building projects. In spring 2018, 96 students in Benson's two Tech Geometry classes will build outdoor seating, stairs, and a bandshell/stage for Portland Mercado's plaza. This project will connect Benson's students with their community, specifically Portland's Latinx community and enhance Portland Mercado's ability to serve as a cultural hub in southeast Portland.

Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association, Foster is Neon

Award Amount: \$2,200

"Foster is Neon" is a street art project that seeks to strengthen community engagement, relationships, and capacity along the Center Street Greenway in the Creston-Kenilworth and Foster-Powell Neighborhoods. The project team will host a series of charrettes aimed at engaging the diverse communities that live in the area in collaboratively designing and developing wayfinding improvements for the bike boulevard. The project will culminate with a block party during the Foster Second-Saturday Art Walk where community members will be invited to help paint the intersection.

Edúcate Ya, AVANZA Latinx Young Adult Leadership Program

Award Amount: \$3,500

AVANZA is a Latinx young adult leadership program that brings together a diverse, supportive group and empowers participants to be agents of social change. The objectives of AVANZA are to increase leadership capacity of participants, build a social support network, and contribute to positive community change. Over the course of eight weeks, 10-15 participants will meet weekly to hear from Latinx leaders, gain leadership and personal development skills, and collaborate with each other on a culminating community project.

The Foster Powell Community Shelter Engagement Team, The Foster Powell Community Shelter Engagement Project

Award Amount: \$2,512

The project team will facilitate two community forums in which housed and unhoused neighbors will engage in a guided visioning process to develop shared priorities and supportive measures meeting the diverse needs of unhoused and housed neighbors. The goal of this project is to identify unanswered concerns and underutilized community resources and align the community around concepts of how they want to support the success of the coming Foster community shelter.

Impact NW, Parent Leadership Project

Award Amount: \$1,742

Impact NW will engage under-supported, marginalized families with children ages 0-5 in Multnomah County to participate in their Parent Leadership Project, which includes the Parent Advisory Council and parent-led Parent-Child Interaction groups. Participating parents attend trainings on decision-making and leadership, trauma-informed care, and advocacy. The project aims to provide empowerment opportunities for deeper engagement and enhanced community support to ensure that Impact NW's early

childhood programming is culturally responsive and inclusive, and incorporates the needs, desires, and innate strengths and knowledge of the families they serve.

Passion Impact, Spring Volunteer Fair

Award Amount: \$3,500

Passion Impact will bring 20 Franklin High School students together with community mentors to collaboratively organize and host a volunteer fair for their school. These students will gain leadership skills and experience in event planning, budgeting, marketing, fundraising, and volunteer coordination. The project will also engage an additional 65 student volunteers for the event, 25 nonprofit participants, and 250 student attendees who will learn about the variety of ways they can get involved in their community and explore their passions through volunteering.

Street Books, A Library for Everyone: Celebrating Community Through Books

Award Amount: \$1,715

Street Books will host weekly library shifts to provide books and community conversations to people living at the St. Francis Park affordable housing complex in southeast Portland, as well as their neighbors who live on the streets outside, along on 11th Avenue. They will also host a summer celebration aimed at connecting housed and unhoused neighbors over the shared love of books.

Transition Projects, Art with Heart: Art Classes for the Willamette Center

Award Amount: \$1,075

Transition Projects will expand and improve their Art with Heart program to provide Willamette Center shelter residents with free art classes twice monthly. The classes give residents opportunities for creative self-expression, increase residents' confidence and self-worth, and build relationships between housed and unhoused communities.

Unity through Diversity Club, Portland Community College, SE Campus, Multicultural Night

Award Amount: \$2,500

The Unity through Diversity Club at Portland Community College, Southeast Campus will organize a multicultural night and student conference that includes food, storytelling, workshops, panel discussions, dancing, music, and art. The purpose of this project is to educate students, families, faculty, staff, and local community members about the various cultures represented within the Portland community and to provide educational opportunities around issues of social justice and cultural competency. The project also aims to create cross-cultural connections within the community and provide leadership opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds.

Voting Equity Advocacy Team, New Citizen Voter Education Project

Award Amount: \$1,290

The Voting Equity Advocacy Team, working in partnership with the Multnomah County Elections Division, will design and deliver voter education to new citizens in SE Portland. Through focus groups, tours of the Elections Division building, and Voter Education and Outreach activities, they hope to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and engaged in the voting process, strengthen their knowledge and skills, and increase community impact on public decisions and community life.

Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, Developing High-Level Day Laborer Leadership Award Amount: \$3,000

With the goal of cultivating and supporting high-level day laborer leaders, Voz will organize three targeted leadership development workshops for Day Laborer Committee members and support day laborer leaders in organizing two community speaking engagements.

## Foster Networking and Collaboration

### SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee Meetings

*Monthly, 24 average attendees/meeting*

The Neighborhood Planning Program Manager utilizes an existing forum, the Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC), to increase opportunities for networking and collaboration between neighborhood association land use and transportation representatives. A survey was conducted last quarter where participants expressed interest in more networking time. Therefore, time on the agenda for networking was added in April and June. Networking between participants has resulted in sharing of advocacy information, collective efforts to shape city-wide priorities such as transportation policy (Southwest in Motion), and mentorship between new and long-standing land use representatives.

### Portland United Against Hate One Year Anniversary & Reportback to City Council

*May 3rd, 150 Participants*

Portland United Against Hate is a community initiated partnership of Community Based Organizations, Neighborhood Associations, concerned communities and the City, working with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to build a rapid response system that combines reporting and tracking of hateful acts and providing support. SE Uplift has been involved with PUAH since its inception, and allocates staff time for PUAH meetings and related activities. This quarter SE Uplift planned, did direct outreach to gain volunteers and participants, and hosted the PUAH One Year Anniversary event at City Hall. The celebration featured a pop-up photo booth against hate created by SE Uplift staff.

Link to photobooth:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/PortlandUnitedAgainstHate/photos/?tab=album&album\\_id=446694019106178](https://www.facebook.com/pg/PortlandUnitedAgainstHate/photos/?tab=album&album_id=446694019106178)



### **Korean Delegation of Doctoral Students**

SE Uplift hosted a group of doctoral students from Korea who research neighborhood systems. They came to SE Uplift to learn about how the City of Portland partners with nonprofits such as SE Uplift to support neighborhoods. Working with an interpreter, the doctoral students asked questions about budget, the difference between city-run and nonprofit district coalitions, and the history of the neighborhood association structure. They were hosted by SE Uplift co-chair Terry Dublinksy-Milton and executive director Molly Mayo.



### **SE Uplift Board Member Recruitment**

SE Uplift established a membership committee to conduct outreach and evaluate applications for new non-neighborhood association members of the SE Uplift Board of Directors. The SE Uplift board is required to have spaces for 20 delegates from neighborhood associations of SE Uplift, and has additional board of directors places for 5 community organizations, 5 at-large directors, and 2 business associations. The new board members were recruited and evaluated in June, and will be voted upon at the July board meeting. Board member recruitment focused on further nurturing relationships that have been developed over the past year with individuals and groups from communities that have been underserved by SE Uplift in the past.

### **Encourage and Facilitate Communication**

#### **SE Uplift's New Mission Statement**

SE Uplift adopted a new mission statement this quarter. The mission statement revision process originated at the September 2017 Board of Directors retreat. Board members became better acquainted with the SEUL mission statement, gained an understanding of the role a clear and vibrant mission statement has in engaging community support, setting strategic goals, and building shared momentum. One prominent topic of initial discussion was use of the word citizen. At the time this version of the mission statement was adopted, the word "citizen" was viewed as a way to positively express the civic engagement of active Portland residents. But in today's world, the word "citizen" excludes thousands of Portland neighbors who are immigrants and refugees, as well as other valued community members who are not technically citizens.

In November, the board established a committee to formally "look at the mission statement for

potential clarification and revision to current standards.” The committee’s task was to assess if the revision would be needed for the mission statement of SE Uplift to clearly articulate the purpose for which our organization exists and the mission it seeks to accomplish, taking into account best practices and conventions for short, concise, descriptive mission statements.

In May, a new mission statement was adopted by the SE Uplift board of directors.

Previous mission statement:

*To assist the citizens and neighborhood associations of Southeast Portland to create communities that are livable, socially diverse, safe and vital. Southeast Uplift provides an organizational structure and forum to empower citizens to effectively resolve issues of livability and community development.*

New mission statement:

*To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.*

### **Montavilla Forum on Homelessness: Roofs & Resources**

*June 30th, 35 attendees*

SE Uplift wants to highlight the work of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association, which hosted a panel conversation consisting of employees from various agencies who work with the houseless population and people currently experiencing houselessness speaking about the challenges and needs that need to be addressed to fix the housing crisis. Afterwards the attendees participated in a Q&A with the panelists.



### **Resolutions NW Retreat with Coalitions**

SE Uplift coordinated a coalition-wide training for the staff of district coalitions to improve skills in facilitating difficult situations and learning how to better manage charged situations and stay sane. Staff from three coalitions chose to participate. The training was a half-day. SE Uplift executive director worked with Resolutions NW staff to create a retreat that was tailored to the specific needs and concerns of district coalition staff, which included sending out a survey before the retreat to assess priority subject matter. Resolutions NW created a workbook and

specialized materials for the retreat, and the district coalition staff benefited from the networking, skill-sharing, and professional development of the training.

### Conversation Projects

June 26th & 28th, 50 attendees

SE Uplift partnered with Oregon Humanities to host two community conversations in June. Race and Place on June 26th brought people together to learn about racism in Oregon's past and discuss how that can affect our communities in the future. On June 28th we discussed how our values can help shape environmental policy and shared how our priorities tie into environmental conservation.

Join the Conversation!

## Race & Place Conversation

Race and Place: Racism and Resilience in Oregon's Past and Future  
Facilitators Anita Yap and Traci Price will lead participants in a conversation that looks at how Oregon's history of racism influences our present.



June 26th @6:30pm  
SE Uplift  
3534 SE Main St

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Oregon Humanities

Questions? Accommodation Requests?  
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## How Do Our Values Influence Environmental Policy?



Thursday, June 28th  
@ 3pm  
SE Uplift- 3534 SE Main St

SE Uplift Join the Conversation! Oregon Humanities



## Newsletter

*Once per month, 2300 subscribers*

SE Uplift sends a monthly digital newsletter to approximately 2300 subscribers; it is also shared on Facebook and the website of the SE Examiner. Through the newsletter, SE Uplift is able to share community events and updates on what is happening in the organization as well as our geographical boundaries. We have shared articles about SE Uplift's new mission, the new ONI goals, Land Use related activities, community projects and more.

