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Bureau Of Housing And Community Development Grants

Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury announced today recipients of two grant programs offered throughout the Bureau of Housing and Community Development.

The Community Initiatives Small Grant Program makes small one-time grants to neighborhood organizations and community-based service providers to meet the needs of low/moderate income residents of Portland. Projects selected include:

- **Albina Youth Opportunity School**, \$12,000 to operate a youth run nursery business.
- **Housing Our Families**, \$11,700 for the Low Rider Bicycle Club in the Boise neighborhood.
- **Kenton Action Plan**, \$10,000 for development of park and recreational facilities for residents of the neighborhood.
- **Low Income Housing for Native Americans of Portland Oregon**, \$3,200 for development of a play area at the Nelson Court Apartments
- **Neighborhood Health Clinics**, \$12,000 for the Self Care health education program in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood.
- **Northeast Community Development Corporation**, \$12,000 to assist the Humboldt neighborhood in developing a neighborhood action plan
- **Outside In**, \$10,000 for the Homeless Youth Council.
- **Portsmouth Community Redevelopment Corporation**, \$7,400 for a paint-a-thon in the Portsmouth and Kenton neighborhoods.
- **Spring Corridor Habitat Restoration Project**, \$20,000 for planting native plants along the Johnson Creek Corridor in the Lents

neighborhood.

- **Stay Clean, Inc.**, \$12,000 for staff and client training.

The Targeted Neighborhood Assistance Program, offered for the first time this year, provides support to community-based service providers who focus their programs in the Bureau's designated target area. Selected for two years of funding are:

- **Christmas in April**, \$12,000 each year to carry our repair and rehabilitation of homes in the Boise, Kenton, King, and Portsmouth target areas.
- **Community Cycling Center**, \$20,000 each year to operate the Repair and Ride Program in the Boise, King, and Sabin target areas
- **Friends of Trees**, \$15,400 each year to carry out neighborhood street tree plantings in the nine designated target areas.
- **Project Linkage**, \$26,900 each year to operate the Summer Yardwork Project in the Boise, Cully, King, and Sabin target areas
- **TLC-TnT**, \$10,600 each year to operate a youth mentorship and recreation program in the Portsmouth target area.

"Portland is fortunate to have so many community-based organizations providing services to our citizens," Kafoury said. "In times of limited resources, these organizations are critical to maintaining Portland's livability in all of our neighborhoods."

Kafoury also announced that a new round of Community Initiatives will begin in May and organizations interested in applying for funding should contact the Bureau of Housing and Community Development at 823-2375.

Youth Logo Design Contest Entrepreneurs

As you enjoy a "First Thursday" stroll through Portland's art galleries, why not stop off at the Portland Building to take in a unique design competition May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.?

The Portland Community Coalition for Happy Kids invites you to attend an art show and awards ceremony for children who participated in a T-Shirt Logo Design contest. On display will be artwork of the over 50 contest participants. Judges will select a winner from four age categories between six and 18 and will also select a Grand Prize Winner.

Contest Judges include the Housing Authority of Portland Commissioner David Thurman, local artists, and parents and the children who participated. The Awards Program begins at 7 p.m.

The Grand Prize Winner's design will be used as the Coalition's new logo. With help from the Coalition, the youth will later

become entrepreneurs and set up a T-shirt factory in which they will produce and sell T-shirts.

The Community Coalition for Happy Kids provides support and educational activities for children who live in Housing Authority of Portland developments. Coalition members include: the Housing Authority of Portland; Oregon State University Extension/4-H Youth; Lazarus Arts Society; YMCA of the Columbia Willamette; Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland; Neighborhood House/Westside Youth & Family Services; Tender Loving Care--Think and Try, Inc., and the Oregon Museum of science & Industry.

The Coalition began in 1992 as a partnership of eight agencies under the Youth Sports Grant Program. It is funded through a \$125,000 grant from Department of Housing and Urban Development with \$79,564 in matching funds from state sources, local


agencies, and private donations. In 1995, the partnership renamed itself the Community Coalition for Happy Kids to reflect its shared vision, resources, programming, and a shared identity.

The year-round program, which focuses on parental involvement, serves around 225 youth aged six through 18 who live in five HAP developments throughout Multnomah County.

Sports, cultural, education, employment/entrepreneurial, and recreational activities make up the program. Activities range from basketball; art classes with visiting artists; fishing and camping; to field trips and nutrition education.

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Renters' Rights Forum

The Oregon Housing NOW! Coalition and the YWCA of Greater Portland, St. Johns Center, are co-sponsoring a free renters' rights forum.

The forum is a chance for renters to learn their rights under the Landlord-Tenant Law and learn how to strengthen their rights.

This event will be held Tuesday May 7th, 7:00 pm at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 North Central. Bus routes 4, 6, 17, 40 and 75. Free refreshments and childcare will be provided. For further information, or to register for childcare, call Housing NOW! at 288-0130.

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