

Chamber Foundation gives out grants for another year

Fifteen community groups selected to receive funds

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation announces 15 Community Grant Award Recipients for 2017.

The foundation was founded in 1991 and has been giving out grants and scholarships every year since its conception. Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Travis Palmer said of the latest round of grants, "We hope to continue to grow the amount of grants that we can give away each year." He added, "Endowments are easier to set up than many people realize and they can be established over time if need be. Every donor has their own individual reason for creating an endowment. The nice thing about the community foundation is that it can connect donors to the people and organizations that they are passionate about giving to."

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation (CGCF) is pleased to announce that fifteen non-profit organizations were selected as community grant recipients for a total of \$15,980. Funding for the grants is made possible by donations through the Community Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund, the Drs. Harrison and Fuller Advised Fund, the Cottage Grove Green Earth Advised Expendable Fund, the Believe in Angels Foundation, Frank and Pam Simpson Family Advised Endowment Fund, Veatch Fund, and the Cottage Grove Women and Children Assistance Fund. The grant recipients and projects are as follows:

Educational Grants:

- Ophelia's Place - Cottage Grove Schools Partnership, \$1,000. Donor: Frank and Pam Simpson Family Advised Endowment Fund.
- Friends of the Library - AWE Early Literacy Center Computer Station and Programs for Children's Section of Cottage Grove Library, \$1,000. Donor: Believe in Angels Foundation.
- Latham Elementary School - The Whole World in My Hands, \$350. Donor: Green Earth Advised Expendable Fund.
- Dept. P-20 Community Outreach, South Lane School District, & the City of Cottage Grove - South Lane Dental Outreach, \$1,000. Donors: Cottage Grove Community Foundation (\$607), Veatch Endowment Fund Subfund (\$100) and Believe in Angels Foundation (\$293).
- Parent Partnership - McKinney-Vento School Supply Give Away, \$500. Donors: Green Earth Advised Fund (\$1,000) and Cottage Grove Community Foundation (\$500).

Social Service Grants:

- CASA of Lane County - A Voice for Every Child, \$2,352.50. Donor: Cottage Grove Women and Children's Fund.

- Community Sharing - Latino Food Box, \$1,000. Donor: Dr. Lauren Fuller & Dr. James Harrison Advised Expendable Fund.
- South Lane Mental Health - South Lane Mental Health Client Compassion Fund Expansion, \$1,000. Donor: Green Earth Advised Fund.
- Womenspace, Inc. - Direct Client Aid for Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Survivors in Cottage Grove, \$2,352.50. Donor: Cottage Grove Women and Children's Fund.
- Another Way Enterprises - South Lane Boxing (Youth Boxing Program), \$500. Donor: Cottage Grove Community Foundation.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc. - Pathways to Prosperity, \$1,025. Donor: Dr. Lauren Fuller & Dr. James Harrison Advised Expendable Fund.
- South Valley Athletics - Scholarship Fund, \$1,000. Donor: Cottage Grove Community Foundation.

Community Grant:

- Oregon Aviation Historical Society - Cottage Grove Airport Welcome Center, \$500. Donor: Cottage Grove Community Foundation.
- Western Oregon Exposition - Public Address System, \$900. Donor: Veatch Endowment Subfund.
- Economic Business Improvement District - Land Acquisition for Cottage Grove Carousel Project, \$500. Donor: Cottage Grove Community Foundation.

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation will celebrate with these outstanding non-profit organizations at a Community Grant Awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 14th from noon to 1:00 pm in the Shepherd Room of the Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation is a public non-profit organization to help improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Cottage Grove and surrounding communities. The Foundation is a resource for citizens, private companies, and other foundations to make charitable gifts and bequests that will provide financial support to educational, medical, cultural, social, and civic organizations serving our community. The Foundation is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is affiliated with the Oregon Community Foundation, an Oregon non-profit corporation for the counsel and management of funds.

Career classes taking off at Cottage Grove High School

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Career Technical Education (CTE) classes are making the difference for some students in Cottage Grove according to Ricardo Flores.

Flores, a business instructor at the high school and department head for CTE, presented to the South Lane School District Board on Monday, March 6.

During the presentation, Flores noted that CTE classes are a way for students to engage in their school day and that Cottage Grove High School offers a wide variety of these courses, far more than some other schools around the state and country.

Students who take CTE courses, which span from culinary to woodworking, for two years are considered "concentrates."

"There's an ebb and flow," Flores said in response to a question concerning how many students take part in the CTE programs. "But there could be a flow of five to 25 students when you talk about concentrates."

Cottage Grove High School offers several CTE courses in a variety of subjects. Engineering and drafting allows students hand-on experience and the chance to earn College Now credits. College Now

credits enable high school students to earn college credits to put towards their degree at institutions like Lane Community College.

"They have a 3D printer, laser cutter and plasma cutter," Flores said of the engineering program.

Other CTE categories at Cottage Grove High School include electronic media, health occupations, culinary and child development and year book and photoshop. The business management and marketing program currently allows students to take part in marketing campaigns and advertising that can be seen at the school's sporting events and a vending program inside the high school.

During the presentation, Superintendent Krista Parent asked if Flores was aware of any courses students would like to take part in that the school does not currently offer.

"Probably a small engines class," Flores said. "Our kids are really into hands-on classes and into automotive but we're lucky to offer all the different courses we have."

School board member Alan Baas asked if the district has presented the CTE program to local entities such as the chamber of commerce. Flores noted that students are sent out on internships but that liability issues had limited those experiences.

"No, we haven't but it would be a good opportunity," Flores said of visiting the chamber.

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