

The Multnomah Bar Foundation at Work in the Community

Established and supported by the legal community, the MBF Civic Education Fund has invested over \$290,000 to advance civic education and engagement through grants to like-minded nonprofits and in the creation of a video series on democracy issues.

This year the MBF awarded \$44,000 in grants. Meet our 2013 recipients.

City Club of Portland was granted \$2,500 for *Civic Awards* to recognize excellence in individuals, student groups and organizations that promote civic and political knowledge and skills in youth, teach civic values and present an innovative approach to civic engagement.



MetroEast Community Media was awarded \$4,000 to produce the final episodes of *Legal Logic*. Topics may include new developments like eCourt or legal cases that have shaped society. The program will reach 350,000 households through cable, radio and internet.

Elders in Action was granted \$8,000 for *Basics of Civics 101* to teach the fundamentals of civics and regional government to older adults in underserved communities and to provide opportunities for volunteer civic engagement.

The **MBA YLS** was awarded \$1,000 for *YOUthFILM Project*, the ABA Law Day-themed contest that uses the creativity of filmmaking to teach K-12 students about civic involvement and the law.



Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) received \$4,000 for its *Voter Education Project*, to teach low-income, newly naturalized citizens about the democratic process and empower them with the practical skills to vote.

Bus Project Foundation was awarded \$8,000 for *Democracy Cup* to teach high school students about civic participation and voting, and to engage student teams in a competition to register peers, family and neighbors to vote.



League of Women Voters of Portland was granted \$4,000 to produce *Government in Our Daily Lives*, a current, monthly program with expert panelists examining the legal, political, economic and social aspects of various civic issues. Meetings are open to the public, televised and online.



Northwest Family Services was granted \$2,500 for *Four Cities Peer Court*, a restorative justice program for low-level, first time youth offenders. Volunteer teens serve as peer attorneys and jury members, working with attorneys and local police in a community partnership.

Classroom Law Project received \$10,000 to expand its *Mock Trial* and *We the People* programs. Students study the US Constitution or a trial and learn about current issues' connections to constitutional principles.

The lasting relationships the MBF has developed with its grantees continue to advance the mission of the foundation. One such successful collaboration is the MBF Civic Education Video Series that involved MetroEast, Bus Project, League of Women Voters, City Club and Classroom Law Project.