



## MBF Awards \$44,945 in Civic Education Grants

Grants are awarded to nonprofits for programs that promote understanding of the importance of voting, jury duty, the rule of law and the political process.

[Meet our 2016 recipients.](#)

**Bus Project Foundation** was awarded **\$3,500** for the PolitiCorps Leadership Fellowship program to train, educate and inform young progressive leaders. The fellowship builds opportunities, skills, and commitment to civic engagement.



**City Club of Portland** was granted **\$2,500** for its Civic Scholars and Civic Awards programs to promote civic education and engagement in underserved Portland schools and recognize individuals, student groups and nonprofits with an innovative approach to civic engagement.

**Elders in Action** was granted **\$3,000** for Action, Passion, Talent = Civic Engagement, a program that helps older adults understand the legal system, and how to navigate it as potential volunteers and advocates.



**League of Women Voters of Oregon** was awarded **\$3,500** for voter services, including the Oregon Student Mock Election with expanded outreach to the Spanish-speaking community.

**League of Women Voters of Portland** was granted **\$4,000** to hold candidate and ballot measure forums and provide comprehensive voters' guides prior to the primary and general elections. Forums are nonpartisan, open to the public, available online and on local cable access, and are often the only opportunities for voters to hear all candidates speak at the same event.





**MetroEast Community Media was awarded \$4,545** to produce “El poder de ser un votador dedicado” or “The power of being an engaged voter,” a short Spanish-language video and PSA that encourages and promotes being an engaged voter and will be shared with Spanish-speaking audiences and Hispanic-focused nonprofits.

**Northwest Family Services (NWFS) was granted \$7,000** for NWFS Peer Court, where student volunteers and program graduates serve as attorneys and jury members, holding accountable youth with first time misdemeanor offenses in a courtroom setting. Student attorneys receive coaching from licensed attorneys while putting into practice legal concepts and gaining public speaking skills.



**Oregon Nikkei Endowment was granted \$3,500** for “Minoru Yasui: From Roots to Results,” middle school curriculum materials and teacher training that promotes civic education through the study of the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII with particular focus on Oregon attorney Minoru Yasui, who was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015.



**Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. received \$4,000** for the civic education component of TOOLS (Tradeswomen Organized for Outreach, Leadership & Support) providing voter registration, voter education and civic engagement, advocacy and legislative work, to include tradeswomen in the civic and legislative processes that affect them.



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**Saturday Academy received \$4,400** to fund speech and debate and mock trial classes at Title I middle schools, and Kid Lawyer Summer Camp, where 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students learn about the judicial system in a fun, hands-on learning experience.

**Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees was granted \$5,000** for its Voter Education Project, to promote full immigrant integration, civic participation and voter engagement through monthly classes to newly naturalized citizens. Participants learn about the American voting system, the importance of voting and receive help registering to vote.



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