



In 2017, the MBF awarded \$47,320 in civic education grants for programs that promote understanding of the rule of law, the political process, the importance of voting and jury service.

Bus Project Foundation was awarded **\$3,500** for the PolitiCorps Leadership Fellowship program to teach young adults community organizing, campaign and nonprofit management, and leadership skills through a full-time 10-week summer program.



City Club of Portland

City Club of Portland was granted **\$5,000** for its Civic Scholars Program to engage youth from disadvantaged backgrounds, providing hands-on learning of advocacy skills and civic education and educational achievement opportunities to disrupt cycles of poverty and maximize students' potential.

Elders in Action was granted **\$4,000** for a Civics 101 Leadership Academy, to engage and educate elders in the fundamentals of government and advocacy and create informed, involved volunteers and leaders.



League of Women Voters of Oregon was awarded **\$4,000** to help support their Civics Education, Civil Discourse and Voter Services programs in Multnomah County, including the creation of educational materials on elections and civic education, and voters' guides in English and Spanish.



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League of Women Voters of Portland was granted **\$5,000** to improve communications and increase civic engagement and voter education through educational programs and materials, extended outreach and enhanced publicity.

MetroEast Community Media was awarded **\$3,800** to produce "Participation: A Practical Guide" (working title), a public service announcement that encourages democratic involvement by providing resources and a roadmap to help people get started or increase their participation in civic activities.



Northwest Family Services (NWFS) was granted \$8,000 for Peer Court, a restorative justice program that engages high school youth and program graduates to serve as student attorneys and jury members to hold youth with first-time misdemeanor offenses accountable in a courtroom setting.



 **Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.**

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. received \$5,000 for the civic education component of T.O.O.L.S. (Tradeswomen Organized for Outreach, Leadership & Support), providing voter registration, voter education, civic engagement, and advocacy and legislative work, so that tradeswomen are included in the civic and legislative process on issues that affect them.



Saturday Academy received \$1,520 for Kid Lawyer Camp, a summer program for 6-8th grade students that provides a fun, hands-on, in-depth learning experience about the judicial system.

Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees was granted \$7,500 for its Voter Education Project, offering group classes and individual sessions that help newly naturalized citizens understand the voting system, how to register to vote and the value of civic participation. The program is part of the New Americans Initiative and promotes full immigrant integration, civic participation and voter engagement.



Established and supported by the legal community, the MBF Civic Education Fund has invested over \$450,000 since 2006 to advance civic education and engagement through grants to area nonprofits and special projects.



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