



2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

GRANTMAKERS OF OREGON & SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON



We welcomed six new members this year : Clark Nuber, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Mountain West Investment Corporation, Wells Fargo, CareOregon, and Portland Parks Foundation.



13 members were Watershed Supporters this year, providing general operating support to benefit the whole grantmaking community.



Over 1000 individuals attended our programs this year, which featured over 200 speakers.



We hosted 27 programs, plus a 3-day regional philanthropy conference and a 2-day learning tour.



We moved into our own office space for the first time ever!



We redesigned our communications, including our monthly newsletter and program announcements.



Board & staff operationalized our 5 strategic directions in governance, programs, services, and partnerships.

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OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS



Embed equity in philanthropy throughout Oregon and southwest Washington

- Engaged The Giving Practice as equity coaches for board and staff
- Held a day-long board retreat focused on equity
- Embedded an equity lens in programs: Digital Equity, Hands Up performances; Coffee Chat for Funders with Vu Le, a focus on homelessness, multiple conference sessions and Annual Meeting with professor John A. Powell



Increase investments in rural and tribal communities.

- Sited our biennial conference in Douglas County, co-hosted by the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation and The Ford Family Foundation
- Hosted a program on funding in rural and tribal communities
- Partnered with The Oregon Community Foundation to take funders to Morrow and Umatilla Counties for a two-day funder tour



Strengthen cross-sector collaborations to address big issues in our region

- Convened Portland and Multnomah County leaders to have a conversation about Black Lives Matter
- Convened a diverse group of community leaders to discuss disaster preparedness and the Cascadia subduction zone
- Met with a team from Regional Solutions and National Policy Consensus Center to explore opportunities to align our work
- Became a philanthropy resource for Portland Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler



Eliminate barriers to nonprofit impact

- August Third Thursday program featuring nonprofits from different parts of the state talking about barriers and challenges for rural nonprofits
- Supporting Portland State University development of the Institute for Nonprofit Management
- Partnered with Willamette Valley Development Officers association on educational opportunities
- Partnered with Vision Action Network to prepare Washington County nonprofits for a Meet the Funders event.



Develop new and diverse philanthropies

- Created a new membership category, GOSW Alumni Connect
- Nurtured, coached, and became a fiscal sponsor for a new giving circle, ninety-nine girlfriends
- Served on advisory committee for Willamette University philanthropy class
- Sparked interest in a Terwilliger Plaza giving circle