PROMOTING EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY

In Oregon and Southwest Washington by providing our members with the services and support they need to succeed

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Welcome to GRANTMAKERS Of Oregon and Southwest Washington

We were delighted that you are considering a membership with Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington. As your regional grantmaking association, we look forward to your continued support and leadership in our philanthropic community.

Our goal is always to put our members’ needs first. We get to know you, your organization, and its distinct characteristics and goals. Membership with GRANTMAKERS offers:

- Connections with other foundations, broadening your network and enhancing your professional development and that of your staff.
- Programs to keep you aware of relevant and critical issues in the region and opportunities to collaborate with other funders to make a difference. Join us for our Fundamentals Series, attend one of our many affinity group meetings, or attend a skill-building workshop.
- Exposure to innovative ways philanthropy can drive positive change for your foundation and the communities you serve. Being part of United Philanthropy Forum gives us-- and you and your staff-- access to national leadership and the philanthropy serving organizations that participate in our network.
- Leadership opportunities such as board and committee participation, program or conference sponsorships, and using our networking resources to highlight your work or key issues you wish to highlight for other funders.

We are excited about the future of philanthropy in our region and so thankful that you will be part of it. If you have any questions, or if you need to update account contacts, please reach out to us at info@gosw.org.

To ensure GRANTMAKERS stays strong for the years ahead, we hope you’ll join others in providing “Changemaker” and sponsorships to support our work.

Thanks for all you do to make the region a better place.

Sincerely,

Kendall Clawson
Executive Director
About GRANTMAKERS Of Oregon and Southwest Washington

GRANTMAKERS of Oregon and Southwest Washington is a community of funders working to strengthen and expand philanthropy and improve the vitality and health of our communities. The organization is a resource for funders, an advocate for ethical and responsible charitable giving and a catalyst for effective philanthropy.

Our Impact

- Delivering equitable and inclusive philanthropy.
- Grantmaking in tune with the unique and diverse assets and needs of all our communities.
- Strengthening the culture of giving in our region.
- Improving the ability of philanthropy and our nonprofit partners to achieve results.
- Connecting and coordinating the philanthropic, nonprofit and government sectors to improve communities.

Our Commitment to Equity

Now more than ever, our futures depend on equity and inclusion. GRANTMAKERS of Oregon and Southwest Washington’s board of directors, staff, and members strive to create a society in which all people can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. We seek to learn about systemic barriers to individual success and community prosperity, and we support the elimination of such barriers to ensure that everyone has equitable access to the resources needed to thrive.
Our Strategic Directions

Embed equity in philanthropy throughout our region

Philanthropy has not always given adequate attention to racial and socio-economic disparities. We have not always examined our collective grantmaking to ensure that resources are deployed equitably. Our goal is to move the philanthropic sector in our community toward equity. We recognize that in order for philanthropies to make meaningful change in the lives of the most under-resourced among us, we must invest in these communities at disproportionally higher rates.

Increase investment to rural and tribal communities.

Currently in our region, a disproportionate amount of philanthropic dollars is invested in the greater metropolitan area. Our intent is to increase funding to rural and tribal communities. We commit to strengthen the relationships between funders and the communities they serve by building upon existing efforts and beginning new programs outside of the northern I-5 corridor. A main feature of our work will be to connect urban and rural funders with one another and with the community-based nonprofits they serve.

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

Our region’s nonprofits are organized to solve some of our most pervasive social problems. Nonprofits are making progress on these issues but cannot solve them on their own. Solutions require a shared concern, active involvement, capacity-building and financial support from both the public and private sectors. Collectively, we have strong ties and relationships with all sectors. We have the convening power to influence and support meaningful cross-sector collaboration. We can leverage our position to catalyze multi-sector responses to the big challenges in our region.

Eliminate barriers to nonprofit impact.

Funders are most effective when they are engaged with the on-the-ground realities of communities. Quality partnerships between funders and nonprofits provide a significant lever for positive change. Improving grantmaking practices removes barriers and allows nonprofit organizations to focus on mission impact.
Develop new and diverse philanthropies.
Philanthropy will never evolve unless we push ourselves to do so. We are here to make positive change in our communities. We believe that to do so effectively, we must also intentionally reach out and involve others. Our intent is to grow and develop new philanthropists and involve them in the GOSW community.

Our Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Mary Edmeades
President
Beneficial State Bank

Jackie Murphy
Vice President
The Collins Foundation

Mychal Cherry
Secretary
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The Ford Family Foundation

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Community Foundation for Southwest Washington

Kregg Amtson
PGE Foundation

Katie Carter
Pride Foundation

Starbuck Ballner
adidas
Our Programs

Building Community through Networking

- **Affinity Groups** are formed around common issues or interests to provide social networking to build community around shared experiences and identities such as family foundations operations, LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities.

- **Cohorts** are groups of people who come together based on function and share experiences within philanthropy. Examples would be CEO/Executive Directors, grants managers, program officers etc.

- **Collaboratives** are theme-focused small groups that are working together toward an end purpose such as learning and sharing knowledge about an issue including background, context, impact on the general public and philanthropic community. Examples include education, seniors/older adults, STEM, housing, etc.

- **Socials** are held twice a year: Summer and Winter. Socials encourage philanthropic organizations to come together and enjoy networking, getting to know new people and re-engage with friends.

Monthly Knowledge Opportunities

- **Learning Sessions** are knowledge development “workshops” to increase skills for dealing with situations and concepts within philanthropy and to improve efficiency and effectiveness of staff.

- **Member Briefings** are regular sessions that focus attention on a specific topic that impacts philanthropy and its service to the nonprofit sector, such as aging, equity and homelessness.

Building Community through Intensive Learning

- **Conferences** are biennial three-day training opportunities with general assemblies, break out sessions, and locally-focused experiential learning tours.

- **Experiential Learning Tours** are intended to build community through shared experiences and provide a more immersive experience in a geographic location within our service areas.

- **Funder Summits** are biennial one-day “mini-conferences” with intensive training on topics such as equity, power, etc. on years we are not hosting the annual conference.

- **Grantmakers Series** (GM101, GM102, GM103) are geared toward new philanthropy staff on the basics of being a grantmaker. Grantmakers 101 is about the foundational concepts of philanthropy, Grantmakers 102 is about the financial aspects of reviewing grants and understanding nonprofit financial statements. Grantmakers 103 is about the legal compliance issues that foundations are required to understand to protect their nonprofit
GOSW Membership

The following groups making grants in Oregon and southwest Washington are eligible for membership:

**Membership Criteria**

- Private grantmaking foundations and corporate foundations
- Private operating foundations endowed to operate programs and award grants determined by donor or governing body
- Community foundations subsidized by endowments & a broad group of contributors
- Corporations with a grantmaking program or organized giving program
- Public foundations, charities or government entities whose principal purpose is grantmaking
- If an organization is both grantmaking and grantseeking, membership eligibility is contingent upon the GRANTMAKERS of Oregon and Southwest Washington's Board of Directors determination of the following:
  1. Grantmaking is primary to applicants' mission
  2. Applicant operates a competitive grant program
  3. Applicant supports multiple qualified charitable organizations or individuals
- Organized Giving Circles with a grantmaking program
- Individuals with Donor Advised Funds
- Any trust company or bank that manages charitable funds, trusts, or foundations that make grants for charitable purposes

**Associate Membership**

In addition to our traditional membership categories, we offer an associate membership level for members who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Individuals living in Oregon or Southwest Washington who are active members of eligible grantmaking organizations that make grants outside Oregon and Southwest Washington
- Philanthropy-serving organizations recognized by the United Philanthropy Forum and/or Council on Foundations
- Individuals, groups of individuals, companies, and other potential members who are exploring the formalization of a grantmaking program (maximum: two-year associate membership before transitioning to a traditional membership level)

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GOSW Members

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- Barbara Emily Knudson Charitable Foundation
- Beneficial State Bank
- Benton Community Foundation
- Black United Fund of Oregon
- Blue Mountain Community Foundation
- Cambia Health Foundation/Cambia Health Solutions
- CareOregon
- Clark Nuber
- Community Foundation for Southwest Washington
- Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation
- Cycle Oregon
- Fidelity National Title
- First Tech Federal Credit Union
- Fred & Patty Hopp Foundation
- Gray Family Foundation
- H.W. Irwin and D.C.H. Irwin Foundation
- Harbourton Foundation
- Heritage Bank
- Hoover Family Foundation
- Intel Foundation
- Jackson Foundation
- J.W. & H.M. Goodman Foundation
- James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation
- Johnson Charitable Trust
- Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation
- JPMorgan Chase & Co.
- Juan Young Trust - Eastern Division
- Juan Young Trust - Western Division
- Jubitz Family Foundation
- Kelley Family Foundation Trust
- Lamb Foundation
- M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust
- Mary McKinney and Flay Ezell Fund
- Metro
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- MHCRC Community Grants
- Moda Health
- MRG Foundation
- Multnomah Athletic Foundation
- Nike, Inc.
- Northwest Area Foundation
- Northwest Health Foundation
- NW Natural
- Oregon Arts Commission
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Oregon Humanities
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- PGE Foundation
- Portland Timbers
- Portland Trail Blazers
- Portland Women’s Foundation
- Pride Foundation
- Regional Arts & Culture Council
- Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust
- Samaritan Health Services
- Shelk Foundation
- Social Venture Partners Portland
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund
- The Baker Family Foundation
- The Bill Healy Foundation
- The Bloomfield Family Foundation
- The Boeing Company
- The Collins Foundation
- The Flying Dutchman Foundation, Inc.
- The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation
- The Komal Founation
- The Lemelson Foundation
- The Lineberger Foundation of Oregon
- The Reser Family Foundation
- The Robert D. & Marcia H. Randall Charitable Trust
- The Roundhouse Foundation
- The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation
- The Shapira Foundation
- The Silver Family Foundation
- The Standard
- Tod & Maxine McClaskey Foundation
- Umpqua Bank
- United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
- United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley
- United Way - Lane County
- US Bank
- Voqal Fund
- Wayne D. Kuni and Joan E. Kuni Foundation
- Wells Fargo
- Wild Rivers Coast Alliance
- Wildhorse Foundation
- Women’s Foundation of Oregon
- Zidell Companies
Our 2021 Programs

Grantmaking Fundamentals
- Analyzing & Understanding Nonprofit Financials
- Understanding the Legal Aspects of Grant Review

Networking & Collaboration
- Collaborative on Aging
- Affinity Group for Family Foundations
- Program Officers Community of Practice
- Diversity Equity Inclusion Community of Practice

Equity Series
- Economic Inequities & Wealth Creation In The Black Community
- Serving the AAPI Community
- Due Diligence with an Equity Lens
- Critical Healthcare Needs in BIPOC Communities
- Immigration and the Intersectionality of need
- Homelessness in the Black Community
- Education in the Black Community

Samples of Learning Sessions
- Immigration and Its Impact in Oregon and SW Washington
- Family Foundations and Board Composition
- Redistricting and Its Impact in Oregon
- Trust Based Philanthropy
- Participatory Budgeting and Grantmaking
- Fiscal Sponsorships to Fund or Not to Fund
- The Intersection of Feminism, Philanthropy and How We Can Do Better
- Oregon’s Wildfires and What We Should be Doing About the Next ones
Partnership Opportunities

Changemaker Support
Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington is committed to supporting and building upon our collective work in equity, collaboration, and advocacy. Your Changemaker Investment helps us further elevate our work as your membership association by bringing interesting speakers, new programming, and collaborative projects to our entire community. Ultimately, your Changemaker Investment makes it possible for GOSW to strengthen and further build our sector. Contact info@gosw.org to take advantage of one of these opportunities.

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Committees
Ever wonder how to plug-in, get your creative juices flowing and make an impact? GOSW has just the thing for you. We are looking for a few philanthropy volunteers to help plan programs that continue to make giving in Oregon and SW Washington meaningful and effective. For the Program Committee, we anticipate your commitment to be about 15 convenient hours per year. The focus is to shape our Lunch Box Learning sessions, member briefings and other ideas for educational opportunities in 2020. Contact Mark McCrary, Program Coordinator, at mmccrary@gosw.org to get involved.

Sponsorship
GOSW thrives with the support of its members, both through annual membership and in event sponsorship. As a sponsor of a GOSW event or program, our members have an opportunity to deepen their support of GOSW’s work and invest in programming that aligns with their funding strategies with their peers and colleagues. Some of the many sponsorship opportunities include the GOSW Summer and Winter Socials, our biennial Conference, our monthly learning sessions and our member briefings. Contact Kendall Clawson, Executive Director, at kclawson@gosw.org to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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