



**Grants Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2018; 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at: EMSWCD Office, 5211 North Williams Ave, Portland OR**

Item #	Time	Agenda Item	Purpose	Presenter	Packet <i>* please read</i>
1	4:00	Welcome, Introductions	Information	Till	N/A
2	4:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review/revise agenda</li> <li>Review of previous action items</li> <li>Approval of last minutes: 10/5/17</li> </ul>	Decision	Till	a. 10/5/17 meeting minutes
3	4:10	Time reserved for public comment	Information	Public	N/A
4	4:15	<b>Expenditure/Status Reports – Grants Programs – FY17/18, FY18/19:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIC, SPACE, SPA, ODS, SCI, CLIP</li> </ul>	Information	Easton	a. Summary Report b. 2018 PIC Overview c. Outstanding prior year PIC grants
5	4:30	<b>PIC 2018 Survey Results:</b>	Information	Easton	N/A
6	4:45	<b>SPACE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year in review</li> <li>Plans FY18/19</li> </ul>	Information	Previdelli	a. FY17-18 SPACE Grants b. FY17-18 SPACE Overview
7	5:00	<b>CLIP:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year in review</li> <li>Plans FY18/19</li> </ul>	Information	DiLeone	N/A
8	5:15	<b>Strategic Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIC 2019 Funding levels, structure</li> <li>PIC Funding areas</li> <li>Regular grantees</li> </ul>	Decision	Easton Brown	a. PIC Funding level options b. Priority Funding Areas
9	5:55	<b>Closing items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announcements, Other Business</li> <li>Action Items</li> <li>Next Meeting</li> <li>Adjourn</li> </ul>	Information	Till Easton	N/A

**Grants Committee Meeting Dates:**

September 12, 2018  
 January 2019

**Board Members:**

Zone 1: Vacant  
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**Grants Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 5, 2017; 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**To be held at: EMSWCD Office, 5211 North Williams Ave, Portland OR**

<i>Attendees</i>	
<b>Committee Members</b>	Mike Guebert Nellie McAdams (Chair)
<b>Committee Members Not attending</b>	Rick Till (Chair)
<b>Staff</b>	Jay Udelhoven, Executive Director Andrew Brown, Conservation Legacy Program Supervisor Suzanne Easton, Grants Program Manager Lindsay Nelson, Office Manager Jeremy Baker, Senior Rural Conservationist Angelia Previdelli, Urban Outreach & Education Specialist Alex Woolery, Marketing and Media Manager
<b>Guests</b>	Anna Garwood, Growing Gardens David Beller, Grow Portland Laura Niemi, Portland Parks & Recreation

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<b>1</b>	<b>2:04</b>	<b>Welcome, Introductions</b>	Information	McAdams	N/A
<b>Meeting called to order at 2:04pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easton introduced the guests from the public and briefly acknowledged the organizations they represented.</li> </ul>					
<b>2</b>	<b>2:05</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Review/revise agenda</b></li> <li><b>Review of previous action items</b></li> <li><b>Approval of last minutes: 1/25/17</b></li> </ul>	<b>Decision</b>	McAdams	a. 1/25/17 meeting minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easton provided an update on previous action items.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION: Guebert moved to approve the January 25, 2017 minutes</b>  <b>McAdams 2nds</b>  <b>All in favor – motion passes unanimously</b></p>					
<b>3</b>	<b>2:07</b>	<b>Time reserved for public comment</b>	Information	Public	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There were no comments made by the public.</li> </ul>					
<b>4</b>	<b>2:07</b>	<b>PIC 2016 Presentations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growing Gardens – Anna Garwood</li> <li>Grow Portland – David Beller, Laura Niemi (PP&amp;R)</li> </ul>	Information	Easton	a. Growing Gardens Report b. Grow Portland Report



**Draft Grants Committee Meeting Agenda**

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

10/05/2017

- Beller provided an overview of the Portland Community Gardens program and offered ideas on how to expand the access to gardens in East Portland. The key components he addressed were the opportunities, the need, and the strategy plan.
  - Beller presented Grow Portland’s qualifications and skills, the study’s methodology, and the program’s analytical data –, existing conditions, zip code analysis, criteria, demographics, and alternative options.
  - Beller spoke about the program’s next steps.
- Niemi provided an overview of the Portland Parks & Recreation’s process in starting a community garden and also gave insight on how Grow Portland’s study supports that process.
  - Niemi explained the master plan process providing the pros and cons of presenting the possibility of more community gardens on certain properties.
- Garwood presented on the Portland school garden assessment. She illustrated with a map the number of current school gardens and the number of students that are utilizing the gardens.
  - Garwood explained how the gardens are being applied to education in the schools. Some of the schools are allowing teachers to include the garden in their current curriculum and some schools have given ownership over to the after-school programs hosted on campus.
  - Garwood provided survey data that supported the need for the gardens on school campuses. Teachers and after-school directors are using them as nature play, plant life-cycle education, community engagement, and as a therapeutic tool.

<b>5</b>	<b>3:07</b>	<b>Expenditure/Status reports – Grants Programs – FY16/17, FY17/18:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIC, SPACE, SPA, ODS, CLIP</li> </ul>	Information	Easton	a. Summary Report* b. Outstanding prior year PIC grants
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- Easton provided a summary report update on the current grants and outstanding grants from last year.
  - Rain Gardens Incentives is no longer a separate program. It has been incorporated into CLIP projects.

<b>6</b>	<b>3:10</b>	<b>PIC 2018:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines – proposed additions</li> <li>• Review Committee - recruitment</li> </ul>	Information	Easton	a. PIC Guidelines b. Proposed new* c. Review Committee table*
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- Easton briefly reviewed current PIC Grant Guidelines and proposed new language on capacity building for PIC 2018 to clarify the meaning of the goal in the existing guidelines.
- Easton announced that they will be moving forward with the PIC Review Committee recruitment and that everyone who served last year will be returning with the exception of McAdams. Associate Director Gerel will be joining the Committee.
- A discussion was held on the importance of filling the geographic areas and adding diversity to the Review Committee. McAdams suggested considering a candidate with prior grant writing experience.
- Easton brought up the idea of offering a stipend and the Committee was comfortable with the idea.

<b>7</b>	<b>3:20</b>	<b>SPACE program proposed changes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPACE program delivery -staffing</li> <li>• SPACE application – ZoomGrants</li> </ul>	Information	Easton	a. SPACE responsibilities table
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- Easton reminded the Committee that Previdelli has now transitioned over to working on the SPACE grants.
- Previdelli presented a new opportunity of adding SPACE to ZoomGrants. She outlined the pros and cons of using the new online system. Staff will continue to explore this option.
- Easton announced that Sanneman will be joining the SPACE Review Committee.

<b>8</b>	<b>3:25</b>	<b>Strategic Planning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key questions/priorities</li> </ul>	Information	Easton Brown	N/A
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- Easton revisited 4 goals with changes recommended at the prior briefing. She is seeking feedback from the Committee prior to the Strategic Planning Retreat, so they can solidify the goals at that time.
- Easton presented other issues to discuss further to determine what needs to be prioritized for the Strategic Planning Retreat.
  - Out of the 5 key issues that Easton brought up, the Committee agreed that all issues are worthy of further discussion; however longer-term grants for select organizations, and program/project evaluation should take priority over the others presented.



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10/05/2017

<b>9</b>	<b>3:55</b>	<b>Closing items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announcements, Other Business</li> <li>• Action Items</li> <li>• Next Meeting</li> <li>• Adjourn</li> </ul>	Information	McAdams Easton	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Grants Committee Meeting will be held in January 2018, exact date TBD</li> </ul>					
<b>Meeting adjourned at 3:53pm</b>					

<u>Date Generated</u>	<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsible Parties</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Current Status as of Date of Draft Minutes</u>
10/05/17	Investigate whether other local funders on climate change issues	Suzanne Easton	November 6, 2017 (for strategic planning)	Completed

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October 5, 2017  
January 2018 (TBD)

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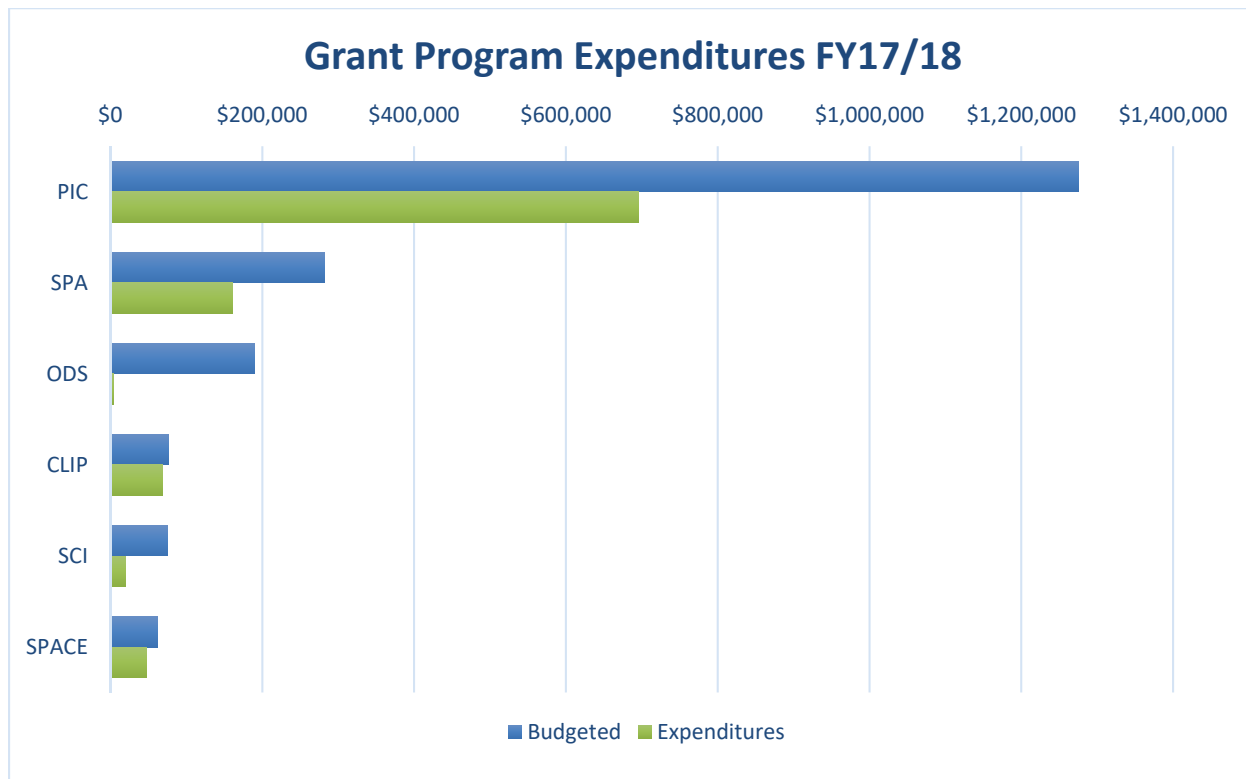


### Grants Program Expenditures FY 2017/18 and FY 2018/19

Grant Type	2017/2018			2018/2019		
	Budgeted	Awarded	Expended	Budgeted	Awarded YTD	Expended YTD
PIC	\$1,275,031	\$760,957	\$695,809	\$1,300,000	\$750,351	\$129,534
SPACE	\$62,000	\$68,998	\$47,000	\$62,000	\$18,140	\$9,400
SPA	\$281,944	\$250,000	\$161,347	\$360,000	\$230,000	\$130,706
CLIP	\$76,595 <sup>1</sup>	\$71,813	\$68,332	\$117,000 <sup>2</sup>	\$76,804	\$0
SCI	\$75,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ODS	\$190,000	N/A	\$3,570	\$0	N/A	\$0

<sup>1</sup> \$75,000 in new CLIP grants, \$1,595 for outstanding CLIP commitments

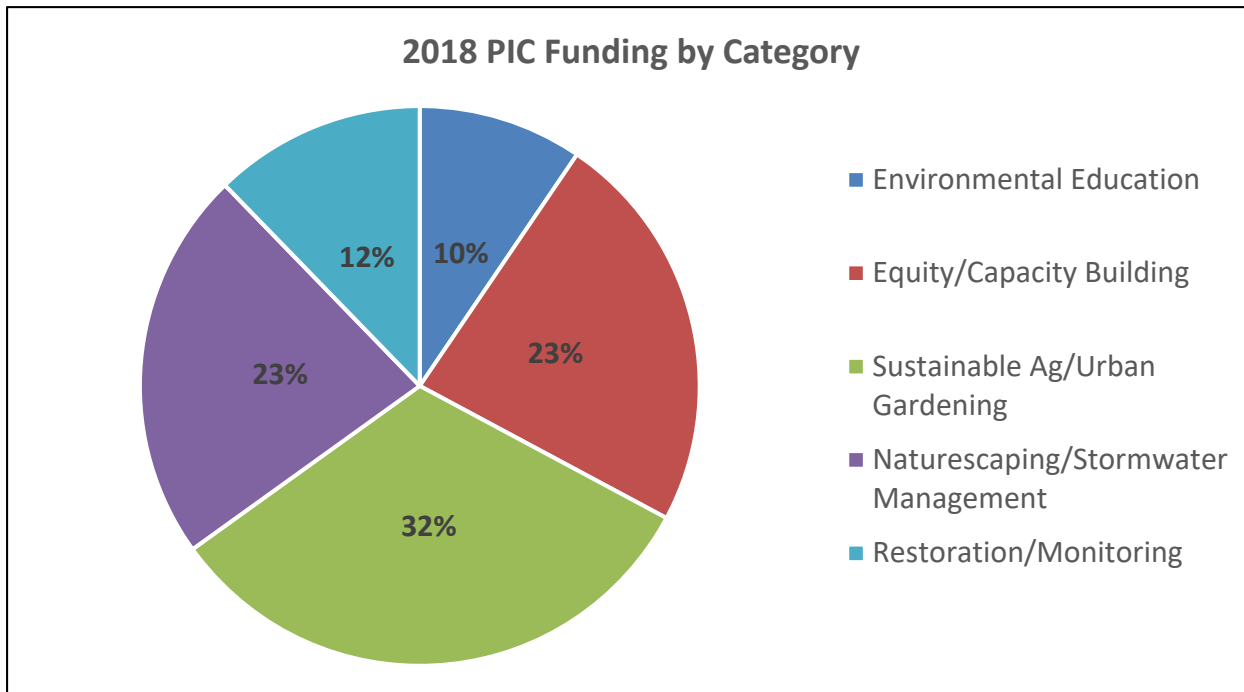
<sup>2</sup> \$100,000 in new CLIP grants, \$17,000 for outstanding CLIP commitments





**2018 PIC Funding Compared to Prior Years**

Grant Year	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Funded	Total Number of Grants	Number of PIC Plus
PIC 2018	\$2,170,830	\$750,351	17	5
PIC 2017	\$1,769,302	\$760,416	18	3
PIC 2016	\$2,297,333	\$759,600	24	1
PIC 2015	\$1,470,698	\$739,322	24	2





## Outstanding PIC Grants Pre-2018

As of 8/20/18

PIC Number	Organization/ Agency	Project Title	Grant Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Unpaid Balance	% paid out	Status/ Timeline
16-021	Coalition of Communities of Color	REDEFINE: The CCC's Initiative for Climate and Environmental Justice	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	0%	Submitted final report but not request for reimbursement
17-002	Audubon/CLT*	Backyard Habitat Certification Program - East Multnomah County Expansion and Equity Project	\$30,000	\$11,392	\$18,608	38%	Project completion 8/18
17-018	LCEP*	Outdoor Conservation Education Program (OCEP)	\$32,643	\$28,830	\$3,813	88%	Project completion 9/18
17-025	POIC/Rosemary Anderson High School*	Student Crew Leader Training Program	\$40,000	\$38,590	\$1,410	96%	Project completion 8/18
<b>PIC Plus</b>							
15-006	Cascade Pacific RC&D (for Ash Creek Forest Management)	Mirror Lake Floodplain Restoration	\$175,989	\$154,098	\$21,891	88%	Project completion 9/18
16-020	Multnomah County	North Fork Johnson Creek Fish Passage Restoration	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	33%	Project completion 12/19
17-001	APANO	Jade/Lents Greening	\$101,000	\$23,859	\$77,141	24%	Project completion 6/19
17-009	Growing Gardens	Growing Minds, Growing Food: School Garden Programming in East Portland	\$131,916	\$35,746	\$96,170	27%	Project completion 7/20
17-012	Multnomah County	Green Gresham / Healthy Gresham	\$143,000	\$3,146	\$139,854	2%	Project completion 7/20

\* PIC 2018 Grant Recipients



## FY 17-18 SPACE Grants

**Portland Ecologists Unite!, \$1,395** – A lecture and discussion featuring Dr. Lance Gunderson of Emory University and co-author of “Panarchy: Understanding Transformations in Human and Natural Systems”.

**Master Gardeners, \$1,605** – Expansion of existing Community Demonstration Garden to a larger parcel within the Learning Garden Laboratory in Southeast Portland.

**Crystal Springs Partnership, \$1,500** – Support for Salmon Celebration event that is presented by a diverse group of community members, city staff, and businesses.

**The Willamette River Fest, \$1,950** – Funding for Willamette River Festival on the Cathedral Park waterfront to enhance appreciation for the lower Willamette as an important part of a larger watershed.

**Vive NW, \$2,000** – Development of a bilingual portal to be used in partnership with The North West Earth Institute to implement the EcoChallenge program.

**Save the Giants, \$500** – A 3-hour workshop for K-6 school teachers to provide them with curricular materials and selective nature sites for incorporating urban forestry and ecology education into classroom activities.

**Dig In Community, \$2,000 – Agreement Terminated.** To produce a “Field Activity Guide” to elevate teachers’ understanding of environmental restoration and enhancement.

**Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, \$2,000** – Partner with students and faculty from Rosemary Anderson High School’s Gresham campus to provide education around social justice impacts of climate change.

**Confluence, \$1,550** – Partnering with USFS, National Forest Foundation, and Friends of the Sandy River Delta to recruit 75 community members to help resurface part of Confluence Trail at the Sandy River Delta.

**Pollinator Parkways, \$2,000** – Converting 3,000 sq. ft. of parking strips into pollinator habitat, creating interpretive signage, and working with residents to foster stewardship.

**Grace Institute, \$1,475** – Community celebration event for National Recycling Day with educational artist performances and live music.

**Oregon Youth Outreach, \$1,150** – Monthly environmental stewardship outings, participating in projects ranging from invasive plant removal to trail cleanup to wildlife rehabilitation.

**Birch Community Services, \$1,135.97** – Update and replace tools and resources at community garden that serves low-income residents.

**Urban Greenspaces Institute, \$2,000** – Payment for keynote speakers for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Urban Ecology and Conservation Symposium.





**Cully Food and Farm Alliance, \$1,500** – Event to gather producers, non-profits, small business, and other diverse participants to meet each other and prepare to apply for Oregon Food Bank's FEAST process that will identify economic, educational, and workforce opportunities in the local food system.

**Zenger Farm, \$2,000** – Funds to complete stormwater features and native planting around the perimeter of new Outdoor Classroom.

**Boise Eliot Native Grove, \$2,000** – Native trees, wildflowers, logs, and rocks to repurpose unused PBOT property into community native garden.

**Muslim Community Center, \$2,000** – Soil preparation and site clearing for garden space that will serve community center participants and neighbors.

**Sabin CDC, \$1,167** – Youth and young adult volunteers building a natural playground and pollinator garden at three low-income housing locations in NE Portland.

**Green Lents, \$1,500** – Establish pollinator habitat site with PSU students and neighborhood volunteers.

**Portland Area CSA Coalition, \$1,500** – Public event and celebration to connect community members to CSA farms that serve the Portland region.

**Rogue Farm Corps, \$1,845** – Workshop linking farmers, ranchers, and foresters focusing on land access and succession planning.

**Willamette Partnership, \$2,000** – Partnering with SOLVE to engage students in three service-learning events focused on restoration and watershed health.

**El Programa Hispano Catolico, \$2,000** – Implement a three-part outdoor learning space at Ron Russell Middle School featuring raised beds and outdoor education area.

**City of Troutdale, \$2,000** – Earth Day Event, featuring volunteers removing invasive species and replanting with natives at a public natural area.

**Dharma Rain Zen Center, \$1,900** – An interpretive trail highlighting native species with a focus on children-focused education for the adjacent preschool.

**Floyd Light SUN Community School, \$2,000** – Transportation costs for the school to offer students eight watershed service-learning field trips as part of an afterschool class with Dig In Community as a partner.

**Cully Neighborhood Association Tree Team, \$1,025** – Remove/replace 12 dead and dying birch trees on Cully Blvd, infected with bronze birch borer.

**Oregon Master Gardeners, \$1,000** – Expanding our existing Demonstration Garden to a larger parcel within the Learning Gardens Laboratory in SE Portland. Funds for native plants in perennial beds.

**Berrydale Community Garden, \$1,500** – Native plants for pollinator garden at community garden site.

**ROSE CDC, \$2,000** – Partnering with Wisdom Workforce to create three pesticide-free properties by enhancing the landscaping and creating new gardening opportunities at several small affordable housing communities in outer SE Portland.

**2018 SPACE Grants**

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

9/4/2018

**Institute of Permaculture Education for Children, \$2,000** – Restore forested natural area and provide access for environmental education.

**Kairos PDX, \$600** – Transportation for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes to visit Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery.

**POIC, \$500** – Native plants and maintenance tools for three bioswales at East Portland site.

**Beaumont Middle School, \$935** – Materials and curriculum support for botanical illustration project for grades 6-8. Students will create a unique educational native plant coloring book.

**Claredon Community Garden, \$2,000** – Native plant pollinator garden at community garden site in North Portland.

**Ethiopian and Eritrean Cultural and Resource Center, \$2,000** – Development of raised bed garden at the site of Dharma Rain Zen Center that will serve refugees and immigrants.

**African Family Holistic Health Organization, \$1,900** – Environmental education workshops for refugee families that focus on edible gardening practices.

**Verde, \$2,000** – Support for culturally-specific performances at the Cully Park Grand Opening event.

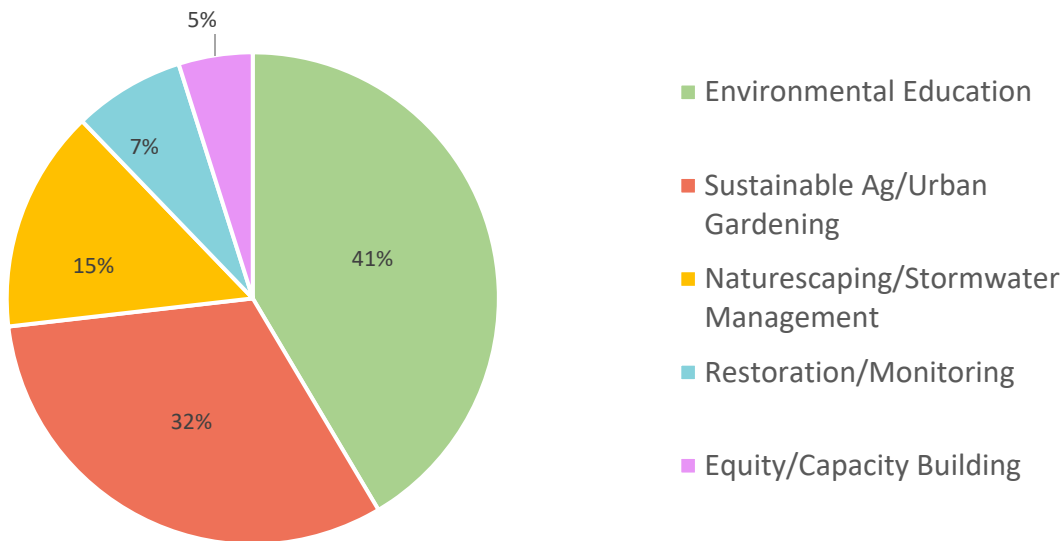
**Boy Scouts of America, \$1,000** – Support materials and refreshments for installation event to mark stormwater drains in Fairview.

**Food by Design, \$2,000** – Rainwater catchment system at a community garden site that serves both housed and houseless community members.

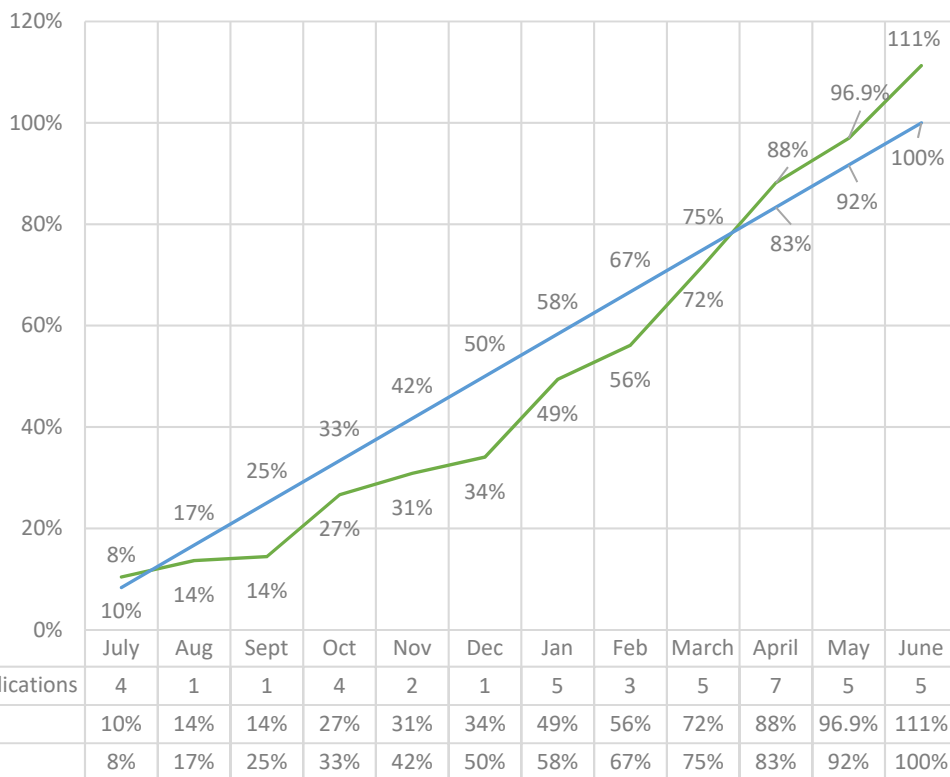
**Vanport Placemaking Project, \$2,000** – Educational signage focusing on watershed health and floodplains at the historic location of the Vanport Floods in North Portland.



2017-2018 SPACE Funding by Category



Year Complete Vs. Total Expended



	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Number of applications	4	1	1	4	2	1	5	3	5	7	5	5
Total Expended	10%	14%	14%	27%	31%	34%	49%	56%	72%	88%	96.9%	111%
Year Complete	8%	17%	25%	33%	42%	50%	58%	67%	75%	83%	92%	100%

— Total Expended — Year Complete



## Options for Reduced PIC Funding

Options		Pros	Cons
1	Maintain grant size and fund fewer organizations.	Focus on larger investment in organizations for bigger impact.	Reduced breadth of funding; impact on grantees.
2	Reduce PIC Plus maximum to \$50,000/yr. from \$100,000/yr.	More in line with actual grant size we provide – average was \$48,750/yr. in 2018; more funds available for smaller projects.	Limits flexibility for occasional large scale, big impact projects.
3	Reduce PIC maximum to \$50,000 from \$60,000.	More in line with actual grant amounts: \$23,780 average in 2018. More in line with partner funders – Metro and Gray. Potentially wider distribution of available funds.	Impact on regular grantees? 25% received > \$30,000 in 2018. Larger grants = more impact?
4	Eliminate PIC Plus and allow up to two years for project completion.	Simplify application process and reduce large commitments; more funding available for smaller projects	Impact on larger scale, longer term initiatives, esp. restoration projects.
5	Reduce funding categories.	Focus investment in areas with potential for greatest impact, focus on equity.	Impact on grantees – who would fall out of the running?

**Metro** education grants: Maximum size grant is \$30,000 for up to two years, \$100,000 up to 3 years. Grants up to \$30K must be completed in two years, over \$30K in 3 years.

**Gray Family Foundation** education grants (2017): Maximum size grant is \$30,000, average size is \$12,760.



**Should we try to prioritize funding areas and consider adding new ones?**

Funding Categories	Intended Impact	Who Benefits	Unintended Consequences
Environmental Education	Current and future environmental literacy of residents.	District youth, teachers, school districts.	Funding only where non-profits are working - inequity, School Districts not institutionalizing or paying their share.
Equity/ Capacity Building  <i>(Consider incorporating this into all funding areas rather than as a stand-alone funding category).</i>	Broaden participation in conservation work, improvement in green infrastructure in low income communities, green workforce development, strengthening culturally specific organizations doing conservation work.	Low income, communities of color, culturally specific non-profits, non-profit conservation groups engaged in equity work.	Gentrification, insufficient resources and expertise to produce long-term systemic change, demands on staff to support low capacity organizations.
Naturescaping/ Stormwater Management	Measurable significant improvement in water quality and water conservation.	Urban sector, neighborhoods and residents willing to participate, non-profits engaged in this work, general public.	Benefits skewed toward affluent and white areas, investment on small scale so large-scale impact difficult to achieve.
Restoration/ Monitoring	Measurable significant improvement in quantity and quality of natural habitat – natives, weed control, etc.	General public, rural residents, non-profits engaged in this work.	Disproportionately expensive so less funding for other areas, loss of investment/gains from inability to ensure ongoing maintenance.
Sustainable Ag/ Urban Gardening	Healthy ag sector in EMSWCD area, local food, youth educated about food and related conservation concepts, enhanced use of vacant land and school grounds.	EMSWCD farmers, residents using community gardens (some low income, communities of color, immigrants), school youth participating in garden programs – many low-income and/or communities of color, general public through locally available food.	Land not available for housing and other economic benefits; as with EE, funding only where non-profits are working - inequity, school districts not institutionalizing or paying their share.



**Prioritizing Funding Areas**

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

8/30/2018

<p><b>Climate Change</b></p>	<p>Measurable significant improvement in local climate change parameters, education and participation of EMSWCD residents and non-profits in working to combat climate change.</p>	<p>General public (whole world), non-profits working on climate change, potential for low income and communities of color if climate justice approach.</p>	<p>Not able to significantly impact with current resources and geographic limitations, diverting resources from areas where we can have a greater local impact.</p>
<p><b>Air Quality</b></p>	<p>Measurable significant improved air quality in the EMSWCD service area, reverse disproportionate impacts on low income, and communities of color.</p>	<p>General public (health), non-profits working on air quality issues, low income, communities of color.</p>	<p>Land based mechanisms for improving air quality conflict with other uses we promote, negative constituency response (farmers), perception of mission drift.</p>

**Options for changes to current funding areas:**

- 1) No change: Continue with current categories, no priorities.
- 2) Continue with current categories, prioritize subset.
- 3) Continue with current categories, add climate change and/or air quality (within parameters).
- 4) Explore new funding categories and potential contribution from EMSWCD support, as part of EMSWCD organizational efforts.

**Staff recommendation:**

Staff recommends options 1 and 4 – continue with current categories for now, and explore the new funding categories and the potential contribution and impact from EMSWCD funding support.