

2018 Community Technology Grant Award Recipients

Open Signal: Black Filmmaker Fellowship

Total Grant Funds: \$136,840.00

Total Matching Resources: \$97,920.00

Contact Person: Rebecca Burrell

In 2018, there remains a scarcity of narrative films, documentaries and television programs produced and developed by African-Americans for African-American consumption, particularly stories about the everyday life of average Black Americans. To combat this, Open Signal developed the Black Filmmaker Fellowship, the first program of its kind in the state of Oregon. The program provides transformative learning and career advancement to six emerging Black filmmakers based in the Portland metro area. For a full year, these emerging filmmaker fellows will be provided with deep training, practical experience and career support with the goal of creating greater diversity in the film and video industry, and ultimately producing new media work that illuminates African-American experiences. MHCRC grant project funding will provide the program's six fellows with intensive video production training and access to industry standard equipment.

1 World Chorus: The Big Up Show

Total Grant Funds: \$85,459.00

Total Matching Resources: \$98,585.00

Contact Person: Aaron Smith

Schools in NE Portland on average serve communities where 70-80% of the student body is eligible for free or reduced lunch. Many of these children are affected by poverty, gang violence, discrimination and gentrification. 1 World Chorus provides these students with an engaging creative outlet and arts education through the Big Up Program, a student produced television show designed to teach the basic principles of peace and community building to pre-K and elementary school children. MHCRC grant funds will expand the program by funding a new, two-year Big Up Show residency program for students ages 10-18 living in Northeast Portland. The project will run three 10-12-week residencies with a total of 40-50 student participants working in teams to create every aspect of the development of the Big Up show. Students will leave the program having been trained in operating studio cameras, sound, lighting, and live editing equipment. The culminating production will run entirely by students in front of a live studio audience as well as be broadcast on Open Signal's public access channels.

Pacific Northwest College of Art: Make+think+Code Community Technology Lab and Institute: Providing access to technology, expertise, trainings and workshops to support digital inclusion, connected lifelong learning and to empower a diverse community to thrive in Portland's industry.

Total Grant Funds: \$129,229.00

Total Matching Resources: \$424,515.00

Contact Person: Nandini Ranganathan

Women and people of color often face difficulty entering STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) career pathways without access to training early on. PNCA is working to bridge this gap through the Make+Think+Code grant program, which focuses on providing women and people of color with an affordable model of STEAM education, video production training, and representation on the public access channels. MHCRC grant funding will allow project participants to be trained in video production and provide the program with essential equipment for workshops. With their newly acquired video production skills and equipment, project participants will produce videos on STEAM workshops for distribution on public access channels in addition to pursuing individual creative video projects.

NW Documentary: Advanced Equipment and New Tools For Community Development and Emerging Documentary Filmmaker Support

Total Grant Funds: \$47,200.00

Total Matching Resources: \$142,432.60

Contact Person: Sam Gaty

Short documentary films have become increasingly popular and reach ever-larger audiences through social media and traditional broadcast. Now more than ever before, it's important for everyone to have access to the tools needed to tell stories in this growing medium. Over the years, NW Documentary has been effective at providing an entry point into the world of documentary filmmaking for anyone interested. This community of "emerging filmmakers" is comprised of people who have started to develop their skills and are serious about their work and the development of their craft but can't justify or afford the cost of equipment. Grant funding from MHCRC will go toward the purchase of state of the art video production equipment to provide 35 - 45 emerging filmmakers with the tools needed to produce short documentary films.

Portland Community College: Expanding Horizons by Developing Video Production Skills Community Technology Grants

Total Grant Funds: \$39,324.00

Total Matching Resources: \$73,583.00

Contact Person: Lori Gates

Portland Community College (PCC) is the largest institution of higher education in Oregon, enrolling over 74,000 students. Students enrolled in PCC's Multimedia (MM) program are there to gain the skills needed with industry grade equipment to prepare them for careers in multimedia and video production industries. The rapid pace technological advances and the costs to update technology needed for the multimedia courses has made it challenging for PCC to provide students with up-to-date and professional-grade technology that industry professionals expect prospective employees to be able to

use in the field. This grant project will use MHCRC grant funding to update PCC's video production inventory through the purchase of new camera equipment and lighting gear. As new technology is integrated into coursework, students will develop familiarity with professional-grade equipment while increasing professional exposure by airing student-produced programming through Open Signal's public access channels.

APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon) Communities United Fund: Jade District Community Space

Total Grant Funds: \$50,000.00

Total Matching Resources: \$1,203,800

Contact Person: Duncan Hwang

The City of Portland's Jade District is home to about 15,000 residents and is among Oregon's most diverse communities, with approximately 45% people of color; 55% are considered low income, and 52% of residents speak a language other than English at home. Nearly 20% of Jade District residents live in poverty and many have limited access to community space, information, internet access, and technology. It is also a neighborhood in transition as gentrification and property values and rents continue to rise rapidly. APANO has created this grant project to reduce disparities in economic and education attainment for Jade District residents and Asian and Pacific Islander communities. APANO will build a new 48-unit affordable housing development and community center that offers free internet access to residents as well as culturally specific workforce development trainings. APANO staff will match 100 residents with living wage jobs, 120 community members will receive OLCC permitting, and 80 residents will take a series of financial literacy and small business courses. MHCRC grant funds will supply residents with mobile workstations, additional workforce development equipment, and installation of technology essential for resident trainings.