



MRG Foundation 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Inspiring people to work together for justice and mobilizing resources for Oregon communities as they build collective power to change the world.



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MRG Foundation's fiscal year 2019-2020 was a year of rebirth. This was the year that saw us fully staffed after a time of transition. It was also the year that we granted out just under \$3,000,000 to our communities — more than we have granted out in the last three years combined and 14% of the total amount MRG has granted out since our founding in 1976.

Last fiscal year was also the year we launched the first of several Community Funds: pots of funding we now hold to provide targeted assistance to the communities across Oregon that need it most. We began this journey in August 2019, when we launched our Chúush Fund: Water for Warm Springs. In a first-of-its-kind partnership between a foundation and a Tribal Nation, MRG is honored to be the steward of the funds raised from generous folks across the country to help repair and restore the water infrastructure at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Since then, at the request of our grantees and partners across the state, we have also launched a COVID-19 Community Response Fund, the Oregon Worker Relief Infrastructure Fund, the Since Time Immemorial Fund, the Rogue Valley Relief Fund, and the Mi Valle, Mi Hogar Fund—all while also selecting three Lilla Jewel awardees and carrying on our General Fund and Rapid Response grantmaking. But we will tell you more about all of that in next year's annual report!

This was a year of significant new beginnings for MRG Foundation, even as we celebrated 44 years of supporting organizing and social justice in the region we now know as Oregon. Whether you have been a part of the MRG family for those 44 years, or you've joined us more recently, we are here for you and for our movement. We are here to continue funding the organizations that few foundations will fund, supporting Tribes and vulnerable groups no one else moves up to help, and finding new ways to lift up and support the movement as the landscape of justice continues to shift to respond to urgent needs.

MRG has been around since 1976 and we are not going anywhere—in fact we are just beginning a new chapter. Thank you for being a part of our journey, and for locking arms with us as we continue our journey forward in courage and in joy.

In solidarity,

Se-Ah-Dom Edmo, Jude Perez, Violeta Rubiani, Lindy Walsh, Dena Zaldúa

2019-2020 BY THE NUMBERS

\$2,888,130	Total amount granted out in 2019-2020
\$24,000	Amount raised at our first-ever online Justice Within Reach event
\$185,000	Largest grant in the history of MRG (Innovation Law Lab)
49	General Fund grants
6	Rapid Response grants
118	COVID-19 Community Response grants
19	Oregon Worker Relief Fund Infrastructure grants
113	Donor-Advised Fund grants
3	Lilla Jewel Awardees
4	New Community Funds:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Chúush Fund- COVID Community Response Fund- The Oregon Worker Relief Fund- The Since Time Immemorial Fund
\$2,231,684	Total dollars raised by Community Funds
16	New grantmakers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6 New Lilla Jewel grantmakers (all former Lilla Jewel winners)- 5 New Since Time Immemorial Fund grantmakers (all Tribal members)- 5 New General Fund grantmakers

What Is Community-Driven Philanthropy? And Why Do We Need It?

Four years ago, on the heels of the 2016 election, MRG was a founding member of the Oregon Immigrant & Refugee Funders Collaborative (OIRFC). The Collaborative was intended to represent a bold strategy in resourcing immigrant and refugee community organizations with a “no-wrong-door” common application that included no deadlines and few reporting requirements. It was a show of solidarity from the philanthropic sector for immigrant organizing in the wake of a rising political climate that targeted undocumented, immigrant, and refugee families.

We are and will always be proud of the Collaborative and believe it was—given our knowledge and resources at the time—a good first step. But we also need to come to terms with its (our) shortcomings and, given the available data, acknowledge that it has fallen short of its promise to resource our communities adequately. It is important that we are accountable to our communities and that we hold up an honest mirror to the work we have done—this is an essential part of learning, growing, and deepening our impact in communities we love.

The intention of the Collaborative was to deploy more money to immigrant communities faster, but it ended up having the opposite effect. In other words, the total giving to the 21 largest immigrant and refugee rights organizations from the five largest funders in the state not only did not increase—it actually decreased.

Why did this happen? Because the Collaborative made it possible for foundations to trick ourselves into thinking we were doing “enough” or even “more” and perhaps some foundations stopped or did less funding of immigrant-led projects and organizations via their regular grants, funneling all immigrant-related projects to the much-less resourced Collaborative. At a time when there were targeted attacks on immigrant communities, the Oregon philanthropic sector began mimicking the rhetoric of the right and moved money to—and then away from—community organizations at the same time that we were also saying we were committing to their growth.

“This is a form of institutional gaslighting. While unintended, it still has an impact for which we must be accountable. That accountability begins with trusting, listening, and ceding power to the community.”



Immigrant & Refugee Funding as a Percentage of Total Giving: Five Largest Funders in Oregon

Year	Total Giving from 5 Largest Foundations in Oregon	Total Granted to Immigrant & Refugee Orgs from 5 Largest Foundations in Oregon	Giving as Percentage of Total Giving
2016*	\$44,413,239	\$1,631,000	3.67%
2017*	\$33,236,124	\$3,361,362	10.11%
2018*	\$50,635,460	\$4,553,650	8.99%
2019**	\$47,691,445	\$3,129,614	6.56%

*One Foundation's numbers not reported

**Two Foundation's numbers not reported




Most of the wealth that created philanthropic institutions, in Oregon and beyond, was made possible through the attempted genocide of Indigenous people and the Oregon Donation Land Act (it even sounds like philanthropy, but it was quite the opposite), the enslavement of Black people, and the cheap labor provided by immigrants and refugees to this country. We believe that the work of philanthropy—especially given the troublesome origins of wealth building—should be focused on over-resourcing the communities who have been and continue to be disenfranchised and left behind. In the wake of COVID-19, our Black, Indigenous, and immigrant communities have—not surprisingly—been disproportionately impacted by the virus and the economic fallout that followed. In Oregon, immigrant and undocumented workers have been deemed essential enough to keep our economy running, but not valuable enough to receive sufficient aid and relief.

In philanthropy we too often give from a socially situated position rooted in what we have been giving in the past, what we think organizations and communities “deserve,” and what is philanthropically in fashion. In a word, it’s arbitrary, and as you can see from the table above, it trends in the wrong direction, moving back to equilibrium and, in our case, back toward the status quo. While this isn’t a full picture of what these organizations received in total, what is clear is that smaller foundations like MRG cannot make up the difference or try to bridge the gap traditional foundations fail to fill. We can’t keep doing this.

At MRG we have introduced several new Community Funds. Led by and benefiting communities closest to the pain caused by centuries of injustice, these funds (in good MRG fashion) are meant to shift both wealth and power.

“This must be the year where philanthropy, as a sector, realizes—once and for all—that we were created to be in service to the movement.”



COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

Just 12 days into the pandemic, as our five-person staff began working remotely, we began our morning by asking other local funders about coordinating a response and creating a pooled fund rooted in racial and economic justice to address the COVID-19 crisis. Many of them were in the beginning phases of pushing their workforces toward home, and the pace of what was happening around us began to quicken exponentially.

By nine the following morning, MRG's board was approving our own path forward and established what would become our COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

On March 13, 2020, MRG released \$300,000 representing 30% of our operating reserves to rapidly deploy resources to community-based organizations that were at the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon, organizations led by Black, Indigenous, Latinx, undocumented, Asian and Pacific Islander, and low-income folks.

The MRG family responded swiftly! Because of you, we raised \$1 million in addition to our initial investment and within three weeks since the establishment of the Fund, MRG had granted all but \$50,000 to 116 organizations across Oregon. The remaining \$50,000 (along with \$100,000 from another foundation partner) went to seed our Since Time Immemorial Fund to provide focused support for our Tribal communities.

Who did we fund through our COVID-19 Community Response Fund? We will just let the numbers speak for themselves....

\$40,000 went to our partners at the Women's Foundation of Oregon, to re-grant to organizations serving domestic violence and sexual assault survivors—a severely impacted population as confinement led to increases in domestic violence cases and made escaping abuse situations particularly difficult.

\$580,500 (65% of total dollars) went to organizations led by BIPOC folks.

The average grant was \$7,579 with the lowest award at \$3,000 and the largest at \$15,000.

While we may not have been the largest grantor in response to this or other crises, our goal was to shift the gaze, shift the narrative, and shift the practice of emergency response and ensure that racial and economic justice were and continue to be at the center of our and our sector's response. If we aim to right the historical injustice that has shaped and continues to shape our society, it is essential that community based advocacy organizations rise from this era stronger than they were before.



The Chúush Fund: Water for Warm Springs, Water is life!

On May 31, 2019, the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs approved an emergency disaster declaration due to immediate health threats resulting from the break of a 14-foot water main line in the Shitike Creek. Because of public utilities capital maintenance deferment over the last few decades, it is now close to two years into rolling water outages and a boil water notice across Oregon's largest reservation, and there is still no relief in sight.

In a first-of-its-kind partnership between a foundation and a Tribal Nation, MRG is honored to be the steward of the funds raised from generous folks across the country to help repair and restore the water infrastructure at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Rather than treat the Tribe—a sovereign nation—as if it were any other grantee, we decided to approach Tribal leadership about setting up the Chúush Fund through an MOU ratified by Tribal Council. At MRG we don't aim to be around in perpetuity—we aim to be around as long as there is still a fight to achieve justice for our communities. To do that, we know we must honor and partner with those who have been here since time immemorial.

While there are government-to-government obligations that the State and Federal authorities are responsible to meet, the mandate has failed to be robust enough to ensure the Tribe and its citizens have consistent access to clean water.

One can't help but think about what this scenario would look like if the community experiencing this catastrophe were White, and it's not a stretch to imagine that the problem would have been fixed much more quickly. But we live in a place that allows Indigenous communities (or Flint, Michigan and Denmark, South Carolina's Black communities) to go without clean water for years.

As long as systemic racism, settler colonialism, and oppression continue to harm the health and safety of Tribal citizens at Warm Springs, none of us will enjoy the freedom we deserve. As Emma Lazarus said, "None of us is free until we are all free."



Special thanks to Alyssa Macy, Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie, LaRonn Katchia, and Carina Miller for their work on behalf of The Chúush Fund.

2019-2020 LILLA JEWEL AWARD WINNERS

Lilla Jewel Award winners received \$10,000 each.



Intisar Abioto

Winner 2020;

Multidisciplinary artist
(photography, storytelling,
dance)
Portland



Marilyn Keller,

Winner 2019;

Vocal artist and musician
Portland



Sharita Towne

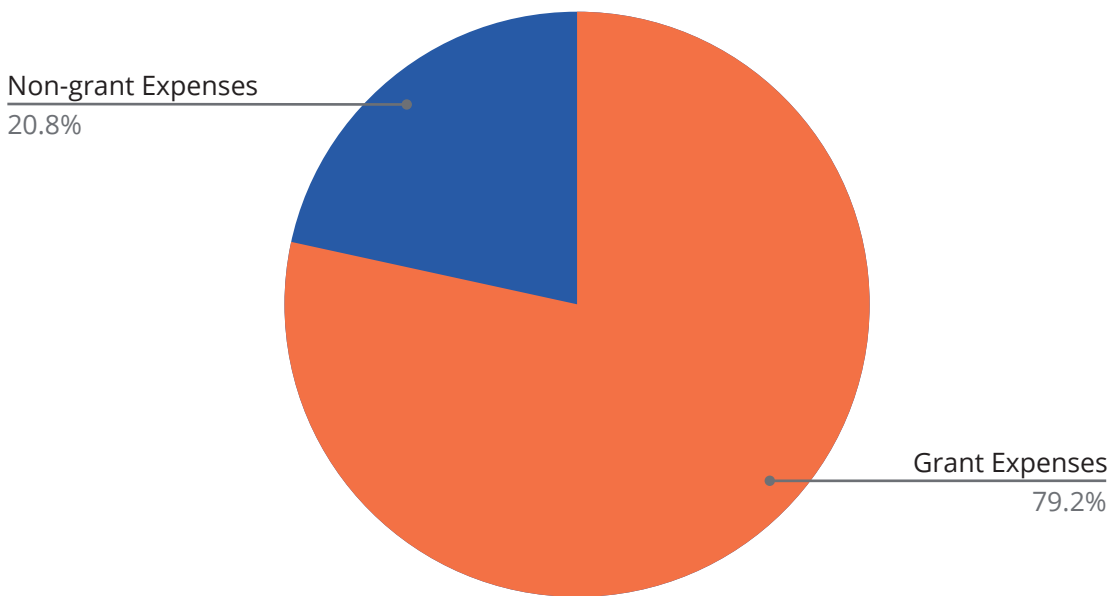
Winner 2020;

Multidisciplinary artist
(video, printmaking)
Portland



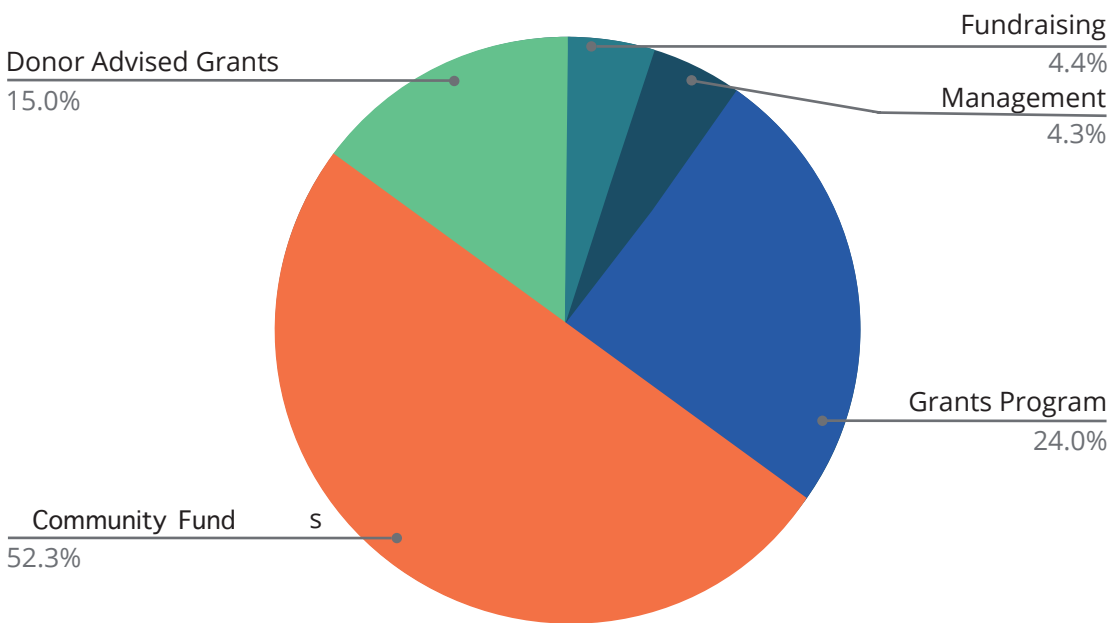
TOTAL EXPENSES

Total \$3,635,732



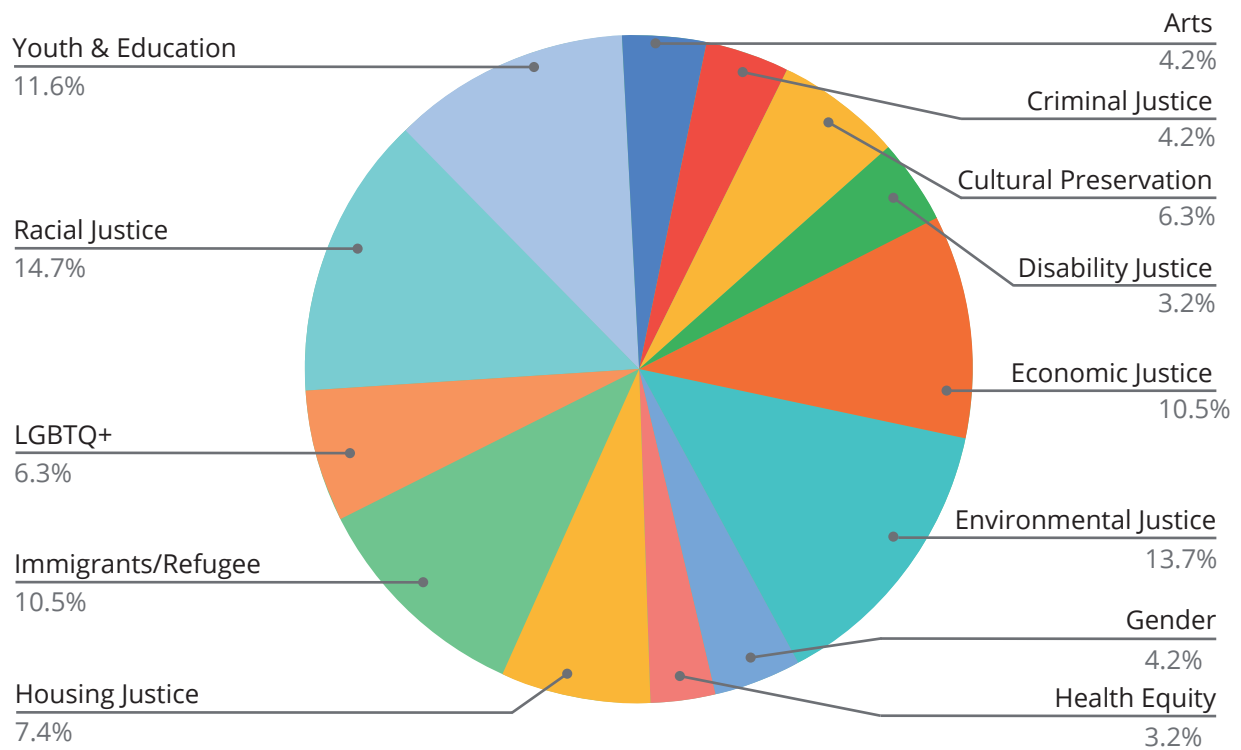
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Total \$3,635,732

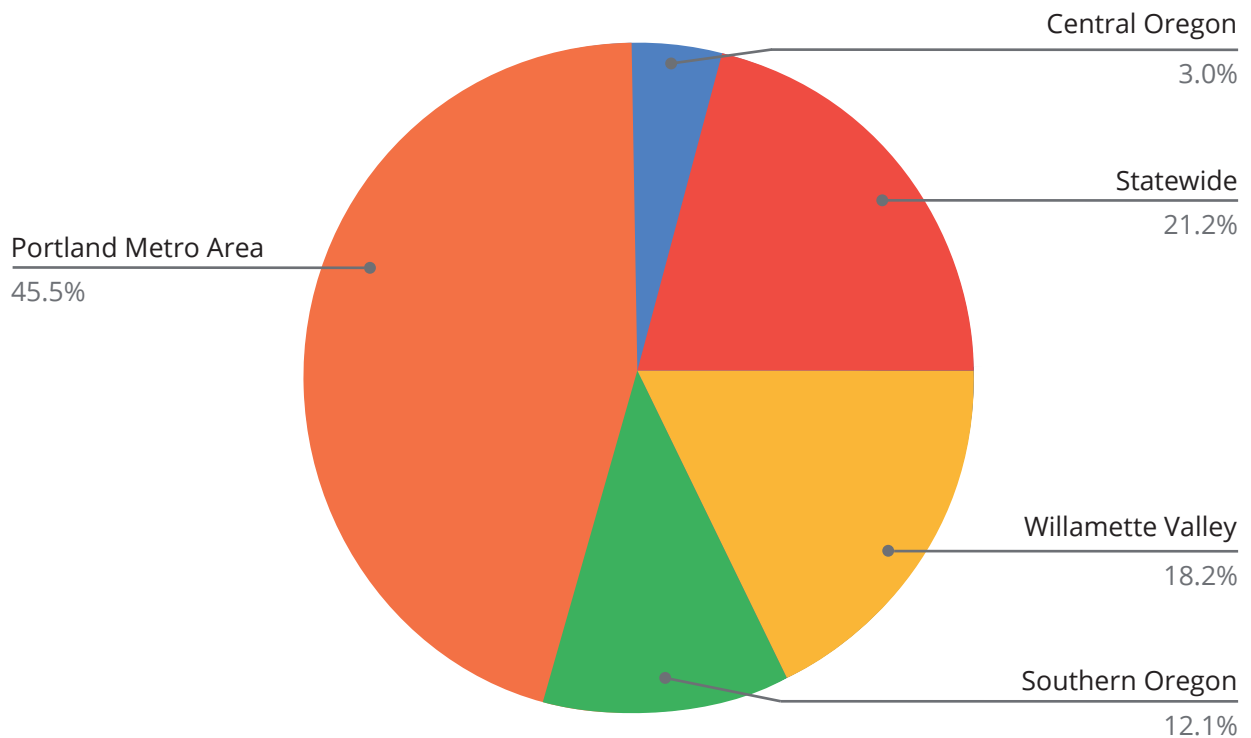


*Includes General Fund Grants

GENERAL FUND GRANTS BY ISSUE AREA



GENERAL FUND GRANTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA



GRANTS

Includes General Fund, Rapid Response, COVID-19, Oregon Worker Relief Fund, and Chúush Fund Grants

350Deschutes	\$ 7,000.00
350PDX	\$ 11,560.00
Adelante Mujeres	\$ 50,000.00
African Family Holistic Health Organizations	\$ 5,000.00
African Women's Coalition	\$ 17,500.00
African Youth and Community Organization - AYCO	\$ 10,000.00
Asian Health & Service Center	\$ 8,000.00
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	\$ 55,000.00
Asian Pacific Family Club at OSP	\$ 7,000.00
Beyond These Walls	\$ 7,500.00
Beyond Toxics	\$ 22,000.00
Bienestar	\$ 50,000.00
Black Food Sovereignty Coalition/Black Futures Farm	\$ 11,250.00
Black Mental Health Oregon	\$ 1,800.00
Black United Fund	\$ 15,000.00
The Blueprint Foundation	\$ 11,250.00
Bridges to Change	\$ 5,000.00
Brown Girl Rise	\$ 18,500.00
Budding Roses	\$ 6,750.00
Burrito Brigade	\$ 3,000.00
Camp ELSO, Inc.	\$ 11,250.00
CAPACES Leadership Institute	\$ 10,000.00
Cascade Educational Broadcast Services (XRAY.FM)	\$ 5,000.00
Causa Oregon	\$ 10,000.00
Center for African Immigrants & Refugees or Oregon	\$ 2,000.00
Centro Cultural de Washington County	\$ 10,000.00
Centro de Ayuda	\$ 50,000.00
Centro LatinoAmericano	\$ 50,000.00
Citizens for Renewables	\$ 5,000.00
Civil Liberties Defense Center	\$ 5,000.00
COFA Alliance National Network	\$ 5,000.00
College Dreams	\$ 8,000.00
Columbia Riverkeeper	\$ 3,000.00
Community Alliance of Lane County	\$ 7,000.00
Community Alliance of Tenants	\$ 7,000.00
Community Outreach Through Radical Empowerment - CORE	\$ 12,500.00

Compassion Highway Project	\$ 7,000.00
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs	\$ 20,130.00
Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center	\$ 4,000.00
Critical Resistance Portland	\$ 11,250.00
Disability Arts and Culture Project	\$ 5,000.00
DisOrient Film Festival of Oregon	\$ 3,000.00
Don't Shoot Portland	\$ 23,500.00
Downtown Languages	\$ 7,000.00
East County Rising	\$ 9,500.00
Eugene Springfield Solidarity Network	\$ 6,500.00
EUVALCREE	\$ 55,000.00
Freedom to Thrive	\$ 22,500.00
Friends of Business for a Better Portland	\$ 5,000.00
Greater Portland Trans Unity	\$ 22,000.00
Grow Portland	\$ 7,000.00
Growing Gardens	\$ 10,000.00
HAKI Community Organization	\$ 17,500.00
Huerto de la Familia	\$ 22,000.00
Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon	\$ 3,000.00
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)	\$ 50,000.00
Independent Publishing Resource Center	\$ 7,000.00
Innovation Law Lab	\$ 185,000.00
Kairos PDX	\$ 6,000.00
KEPW Community Radio	\$ 8,000.00
Komemma Cultural Protection Association	\$ 5,000.00
KPOV High Desert Community Radio	\$ 9,000.00
Kukatonon	\$ 6,000.00
Labor's Community Service Agency	\$ 5,000.00
Lakota Oyate Ki OSP	\$ 7,000.00
Latino Club OSP	\$ 7,000.00
Latino Community Association	\$ 60,000.00
Latinos Unidos Siempre	\$ 13,500.00
Lents Strong! Housing Team	\$ 3,000.00
Lifers' Unlimited Club at OSP	\$ 7,000.00
Lomakatsi Restoration Project	\$ 7,000.00
Lower Columbia Hispanic Council	\$ 10,000.00
Mano a Mano	\$ 65,000.00
Marrow PDX	\$ 23,500.00
Micronesia Islander Community	\$ 14,500.00

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women USA	\$ 13,000.00
Momentum Alliance	\$ 22,500.00
Mudbone Grown	\$ 8,500.00
Multicultural Association of Southern Oregon/ KSKQ	\$ 3,000.00
NAACP Eugene/Springfield Chapter	\$ 4,000.00
Native American Youth and Family Center	\$ 12,500.00
NEW Expressive Works	\$ 12,000.00
Next Door Inc.	\$ 50,000.00
Next Up	\$ 22,000.00
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods	\$ 10,000.00
Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides	\$ 7,500.00
Northwest Disability Support (NWDS)	\$ 11,250.00
Northwest Workers' Justice Project	\$ 12,000.00
NOWIA Unete Center for Farm Worker Advocacy	\$ 70,000.00
Occupy Medical	\$ 5,000.00
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon	\$ 10,000.00
Oregon Community Health Workers Association - ORCHWA	\$ 7,000.00
Oregon DACA Coalition	\$ 5,000.00
Oregon Futures Lab	\$ 7,000.00
Oregon Human Development Corporation	\$ 50,000.00
Oregon Native American Chamber	\$ 5,000.00
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility	\$ 3,000.00
Oregon Public Health Institute	\$ 10,000.00
Oregon Recovers	\$ 23,000.00
Oregon Rural Action	\$ 10,000.00
Ori Gallery	\$ 7,000.00
OUT Central Oregon	\$ 2,200.00
Outgrowing Hunger	\$ 3,000.00
p:ear	\$ 5,000.00
Portland African American Leadership Forum	\$ 22,000.00
Partnership for Safety and Justice	\$ 7,500.00
The Pathfinder Network	\$ 7,500.00
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste	\$ 10,000.00
Portland Harbor Community Coalition	\$ 15,500.00
Portland Jobs with Justice	\$ 20,000.00
Portland Opportunity Industrialization Center	\$ 8,000.00
Portland Street Medicine	\$ 10,000.00
Portland United Against Hate	\$ 15,000.00
Pueblo Unido	\$ 73,500.00

Q Center	\$ 3,000.00
Rahab's Sisters	\$ 5,000.00
Raices	\$ 8,000.00
Right 2 Survive	\$ 14,500.00
Rogue Action Center	\$ 13,500.00
Rogue Climate	\$ 12,000.00
Rural Organizing Project	\$ 5,000.00
Salem Keizer Coalition for Equality	\$ 5,000.00
Samoa Pacific Development Corporation	\$ 5,000.00
Sisters of the Road	\$ 7,000.00
South Lane Family Nursery DBA Family Relief Nursery	\$ 7,000.00
Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice	\$ 22,000.00
Street Roots	\$ 5,000.00
The Contingent	\$ 10,000.00
Trans*Ponder	\$ 17,500.00
Trash for Peace	\$ 10,000.00
Trauma Healing Project	\$ 10,000.00
Uhuru Sa Sa OSP	\$ 7,000.00
Unidos Bridging Community	\$ 23,500.00
UNITE HERE Education and Support Fund - Local 8	\$ 10,000.00
Unite Oregon	\$ 10,000.00
Unite Oregon, Rogue Valley	\$ 12,000.00
UTOPIA PDX	\$ 10,000.00
Verde	\$ 10,000.00
Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation	\$ 50,000.00
Voz Workers' Rights Education Project	\$ 60,000.00
We Can Do Better	\$ 5,000.00
Welcome Home Coalition	\$ 10,000.00
Wild Diversity	\$ 5,000.00
Women's Foundation of Oregon	\$ 45,000.00
Zenger Farm	\$ 7,000.00
Total	\$ 2,313,190.00

DONOR-ADVISED GRANTS

1000 Friends of Oregon	\$ 2,000.00
350 PDX	\$ 1,500.00
350.org	\$ 3,000.00
350Eug	\$ 1,000.00
ACCESS	\$ 20,000.00
ACLU Foundation	\$ 4,000.00
American Bird Conservancy	\$ 2,500.00
Bat Conservation International	\$ 2,000.00
Catholic Charities of Oregon	\$ 2,000.00
Causa Oregon*	\$ 1,000.00
Center for Biological Diversity	\$ 2,000.00
Centro Latino Americano*	\$ 4,000.00
Citizens for Renewables, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
Community Alliance of Lane County*	\$ 2,000.00
Community Alliance of Tenants*	\$ 5,000.00
Crater Foundation	\$ 25,000.00
De La Salle North Catholic High School	\$ 2,000.00
Deschutes Basin Land Trust	\$ 2,000.00
Doctors Without Borders	\$ 17,000.00
Earth Island Institute	\$ 3,000.00
Earthjustice	\$ 4,000.00
El Programa Hispano Catolico	\$ 1,000.00
Eugene Public Library Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
FINCA International Inc	\$ 1,500.00
Friends of Land Air Water	\$ 1,000.00
Friends of the Earth	\$ 1,000.00
Greenpeace Fund, Inc.	\$ 3,000.00
Grupo Latino de Acción Directa	\$ 2,000.00
Havurah Shalom	\$ 1,800.00
Heifer Project International	\$ 3,500.00
Huerto de la Familia - Family Garden*	\$ 2,000.00
Human Rights Watch	\$ 2,500.00
Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	\$ 250.00
International Rescue Committee	\$ 10,000.00
JOIN	\$ 1,000.00
Josephine County Food Bank	\$ 20,000.00
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center	\$ 40,000.00
KWAX-FM Radio	\$ 1,000.00

Latino Community Association	\$ 1,000.00
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Lines for Life	\$ 6,000.00
Long Tom Watershed Council	\$ 500.00
Make the Road New York	\$ 7,000.00
McKenzie River Trust	\$ 2,000.00
Mercy Corps	\$ 5,000.00
Momentum Alliance	\$ 4,000.00
Multnomah County Library Foundation	\$ 2,000.00
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon Foundation	\$ 4,000.00
National Audubon Society	\$ 2,000.00
National Immigration Forum	\$ 1,000.00
Native American Youth and Family Center*	\$ 2,001.00
Natural Resources Defense Council	\$ 2,000.00
Next Up*	\$ 12,000.00
Northwest Workers' Justice Project*	\$ 1,000.00
Oceana Inc.	\$ 1,500.00
Oregon Environmental Council	\$ 4,000.00
Oregon Natural Desert Association	\$ 1,000.00
Oregon Public Broadcasting	\$ 1,000.00
Oregon Recovers	\$ 2,500.00
Oregon State University Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
Oregon Wild	\$ 1,500.00
Oregon Community Asylum Network	\$ 1,000.00
Pacific Environment & Resource Center	\$ 1,500.00
Pacific University	\$ 11,139.00
Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste	\$ 1,000.00
Planned Parenthood Federation of America	\$ 2,000.00
Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon	\$ 1,000.00
Pollinator Partnership	\$ 1,000.00
Portland Piano International	\$ 1,000.00
Portland Youth Builders	\$ 1,500.00
Rainforest Action Network	\$ 3,000.00
Reed Institute	\$ 3,000.00
Refugees International	\$ 3,000.00
Rogue Climate*	\$ 40,000.00
Rogue Farm Corps	\$ 40,000.00
Rural Organizing Project*	\$ 1,000.00
Save the Children	\$ 3,500.00

School Garden Project of Lane County	\$ 1,000.00
SEVA Foundation	\$ 2,000.00
Sightline Institute	\$ 500.00
Siskiyou Field Institute	\$ 40,000.00
Siskiyou Mountain Club	\$ 40,000.00
Southern Oregon Land Conservancy	\$ 40,000.00
St. Andrew Nativity School	\$ 3,000.00
Stove Team International	\$ 6,750.00
The Nature Conservancy	\$ 3,000.00
Thousand Currents	\$ 2,000.00
The Understory Initiative	\$ 5,000.00
Union of Concerned Scientists, Inc	\$ 1,500.00
United Community Action Network	\$ 2,500.00
United We Dream Network, Inc.	\$ 1,000.00
Vesper Meadow Education Program	\$ 5,000.00
Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation	\$ 1,000.00
Voz Worker's Rights Education Project	\$ 1,000.00
Western Environmental Law Center	\$ 4,000.00
Western States Center*	\$ 2,500.00
Willamette Farm and Food Coalition	\$ 1,000.00
Women's Action for New Directions Education Fund	\$ 500.00
Womenspace, Inc.*	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 543,940.00

*MRG's previous or current grantees

MRG AND YOU

MRG Foundation is lucky to be a community-driven and community-supported foundation. This means every dollar you donate to MRG Foundation goes directly to sustaining the work of the movement. Without the support of our generous family of donors of money, time, expertise, and wisdom, there is no MRG Foundation.

We hope you will join us as we continue to fund the grassroots movement for racial, gender, disability, economic, and environmental justice in our region.

To make a gift, visit www.mrgfoundation.org/give

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The background features a large, solid yellow circle on the right side. A thin yellow line curves around it, with small yellow circles at the top and bottom right. In the bottom left corner, there are two overlapping yellow circles.

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