

2019 PGE Drive Change Fund project awardees

The following projects were selected for funding from the 2019 round of the PGE Drive Change Fund, which is funded by the sale of Oregon Clean Fuels Program credits. We will share more details about each project as they progress. Thank you to all who applied.

Ride Connection (\$343,000)

Five new EVs with charging infrastructure will save overhead and allow a mobility specialist to properly manage the new fleet, allowing expansion of ride services for low-income, elderly individuals and adults with disabilities.

Meals on Wheels People (\$337,731)

An electric, refrigerated cargo van for meal delivery and an EV to support outreach and assessment efforts for new program adopters, will help reduce costs for the over 700,000 meals that are delivered annually from their central kitchen for families experiencing food insecurity.

Native American Youth and Family Center (\$272,359)

Five new EVs and the required charging infrastructure will serve students throughout NAYA's programming and expand to new areas for Native youth facing barriers due to cultural gaps in mainstream institutions.

Portland Community College - Sylvania (\$196,951)

Five used EVs will allow the popular Automotive Service Technology program to teach hands-on learning on service, maintenance and repair for this crucial technology changing the transportation landscape.

Novel Interventions in Children's Healthcare (\$183,997)

Five EVs and five electric bikes with charging infrastructure will give NICH a broader impact and lower the barrier for Oregon youth and families who need their support.

SnowCap Charitable Communities (\$140,000)

Electrifying a cargo van and installing charging infrastructure will allow volunteers to increase the quantity of local pick-ups and possibly lead to further range expansion for providing food assistance in Oregon.

Oregon Food Bank (\$132,450)

An EV pilot program, utilizing two electric SUVs, will allow for further distribution of meals and increase nutritional education to the areas they serve.

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (\$123,803)

Two EVs will transport more clients to one of the six locations at no cost, eliminating a barrier for the lower-income community of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Washington and Yamhill counties.

Northwest Family Services (\$90,194)

Two EVs will allow for better services where the clients need it most — at their home, work, school, or community center — helping to support a variety of health-related issues for individuals at the lowest socioeconomic level.

Senior Advocates for Generational Equity (\$90,000)

The project will provide transportation options, education, awareness, charging infrastructure and driving experiences for seniors in six community centers in Oregon.

ROSE Community Development (\$87,580)

Three used EVs for car sharing will rotate through ROSE's multiple affordable housing apartments.

Northwest Pilot Project (\$81,212)

With proper EV and charging selection, the project can safely and comfortably transport seniors with no other accessible options.

Our House of Portland (\$62,938)

Two EVs will increase the ability to provide critical services and offer the chance for more one-on-one time between vulnerable clients living with HIV/AIDS and their clinician during transit.

Sexual Assault Resource Center (\$46,565)

A hybrid van will transport groups to clients and move clients to on-site services helping to eliminate the primary barrier of transportation for survivors of sexual assault.

Portland African American Leadership Forum (\$40,000)

The education and outreach program will create awareness of EV ownership and the environmental and economic issues they are tied to, adding to their goal of helping to build civic participation and leadership to achieve results in the areas of social and climate justice.

Kailash Ecovillage (\$29,130)

A used EV and new charging station will allow for a car-sharing program, eliminating the need for personal vehicles for this multifamily, low-income apartment community that focuses on sustainable practices.