**North Portland Neighborhood Services**

**Small Grants Program** **2016**

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) and North Portland Neighborhood Services (NPNS) are excited to offer a grant funding opportunity through the City of Portland’s Neighborhood Small Grants Program. We invite neighborhood associations and community-based organizations in Portland to apply.

**The goals of this grant program are to: Increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and engaged in their communities and neighborhoods; strengthen neighborhood and community capacity to build community leadership, identity, skills, relationships and partnerships; and increase community and neighborhood impact on public decisions and community life.**

We encourage applicants to consider projects and programs that involve building strong community participation, and that create partnerships between neighborhood, business, and community-based organizations. Engagement of historically under-represented and under-served communities is a high priority for this grant program. Projects should engage and benefit community members in the North Portland Neighborhood Services district.

**Submission Deadline**

**Monday, November 2, 2015 by 2:00PM**

**Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

Applications must be submitted in person, or via electronic submission to:

North Portland Neighborhood Services

Historic Kenton Firehouse

2209 N. Schofield

Portland, OR 97217

Attn: Mary Jaron Kelley

mary@npnscommunity.org

**The Application Packet Must Include:**

 Page 6 (Section 1) – Application Form Cover Sheet

 Pages 7-10 (Section 2 through 8) - Narrative

 Page 11- Budget

**Project Timeframe for Completion**

Grants will be awarded for projects that will start after January 1, 2016 and be completed by December 31, 2016.

**Grant Workshops**

* **Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

**7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

North Portland Neighborhood Services

Historic Kenton Firehouse

8105 N. Brandon

Portland, OR 97217

* **Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

**7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

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Public Transit: TRIMET #4, #75, Max Yellow line

If you are interested in applying, we strongly encourage you to attend the grant workshop. This workshop will provide feedback on project ideas and will help answer questions about the NPNS application, and what funds can be used in our coalition area. This is also an opportunity for you to network with other groups about projects.

**If you are not able to attend this workshop and you are submitting an application, please contact Mary Jaron Kelley, mary@npnscommunity.org or 503-823-4099, NPNS grant program manager.**

Requesting grant assistance is highly encouraged. Please schedule a time to discuss grant ideas, requirements, eligibility, and application process by contacting the grant manager above.

**Please Note:** NPNS staff will not be available to assist with grant proposals on November 2, 2015 when the grant proposals are due.

Please call seven days in advance for special needs accommodations, for people with disabilities at 503-823-4519 or TTY 503-823-6868. All sites are wheelchair accessible.

**General grant writing resources are available at:** [**www.portlandonline.com/oni**](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni)

**General grant program information: www.portlandonline.com/oni**

**Timeline**

Request for Proposals Available September 10, 2015

Grant Applications due November 2, 2015

Awards Announced no later than January 30, 2016

Projects must be completed no later than December 31, 2016

Final report and documentation no later than January 31, 2017

Thank you!