



Oregon

Community

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**Thriving Entrepreneurs Program 2024**  
**Total Grant Awards \$907,500.00**

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| Adelante Mujeres  | Latine Entrepreneurs in Washington County, OR     | \$25,000    | Washington   | to support the Empresas Small Business Development program that provides business coaching, access to market and capital, and business and agriculture courses   |
| Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation | NW Native Trade Roots                             | \$25,000    | Statewide  | to build innovative programs that meet the needs of the Oregon Tribal nations and create learning opportunities that enhance sovereignty   |
| Astoria Visual Arts, Inc  | Supporting artist entrepreneurs in Clatsop County | \$8,400     | Clatsop  | to support artist residency programs, a city-wide studio tour with a group exhibition, and the artist award program  |
| Be Blac Foundation  | Empowering Black Businesses                       | \$25,000    | Marion Polk  | to support business workshop for emerging and established Black business owners and entrepreneurs  |
| Black United Fund of Oregon, Inc.                                       | Emerging Entrepreneur Program                     | \$25,000    | Statewide  | to help support providing equitable social, economic, and educational opportunities to Black and BIPOC entrepreneurs who face disproportionate barriers to accessing resources, capital, and mentorship                                    |
| Bohemia Food Hub  | Supported Pathways to Culinary Entrepreneurship   | \$25,000    | Lane   | to strengthen internal systems and scale impact, to help fund new staff members, standardize operating procedures and mentor rural entrepreneurs who utilize the commercial kitchen and retail spaces                                      |
| Built Oregon  | Built Oregon: Bridges & Accelerator               | \$25,000    | Clackamas Deschutes Hood River Marion Multnomah Washington | to support organizational capacity to align Accelerator and Bridges programs focused on BIPOC led businesses   |
| Central Coast Food Web  | Bridging the Gaps for Local Producers             | \$25,000    | Lincoln  | to provide producer and facility support for food and human safety in local food business  |
| Centro Cultural del Condado de Washington                               | Centro Cultural Latino Success Hub                | \$24,867    | Multnomah Washington                                       | to provide small business development support to Latinx entrepreneurs  |
| City of Antelope  | Antelope Business Catalyst (ABC) Program          | \$25,000    | Wasco  | to help support multiple new downtown businesses initiatives by facilitating technical assistance, fostering entrepreneurship relationships, and enhancing local economic development through technology and knowledge sharing initiatives |

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| Collaborative Economic Development Oregon (CEDO) | EmpowerPitch: Women Entrepreneurs Pitch Coaching                         | \$24,500       | Lane  | to implement EmpowerPitch, providing free pitch coaching to help women secure funding and advance their startups        |
| Community Lending Works                          | Small Business Lending in Rural Oregon                                   | \$25,000       | Benton<br>Clackamas<br>Coos<br>Crook<br>Deschutes<br>Douglas<br>Jackson<br>Jefferson<br>Lane<br>Lincoln<br>Linn<br>Marion | to support outreach and programs for rural entrepreneurs  |
| Division Midway Alliance                         | Pathways to Prosperity: Strengthening BIPOC Business Resilience & Growth | \$25,000       | Clackamas<br>Multnomah  | to support the Entrepreneurship Program empowering immigrant and refugee business owners in East Portland               |
| Ecotrust   | 2024 Redd Access Program   | \$24,966       | Hood River<br>Multnomah<br>Wasco  | to support the Redd food hub in SE Portland to co-create a Redd Access Program to center and amplify community needs    |
| Friends of Zenger Farm                           | Zenger Farm's Beginning Farmer Training Program                          | \$20,000       | Multnomah   | for the Beginning Farmer program to support BIPOC, women, and non-binary farmers  |
| Gorge Grown Food Network                         | El Mercado del Valle   | \$25,000       | Hood River  | to support the Food Business Incubator Program El Mercado del Valle   |
| Hacienda CDC                                     | Hacienda Empresarios Program   | \$25,000       | Multnomah   | to assist entrepreneurs in the Empresarios Program that serves low-income women, Latino BIPOC, and immigrant households |

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| High Desert Food & Farm Alliance                  | Providing Paths to Market for Rural and Latinx Farmers                  | \$18,000               | Crook<br>Deschutes<br>Jefferson   | to provide training, workshops, mentorship and produce reimbursement for emerging rural and Latinx farmer entrepreneurs in Central Oregon to develop sales and distribution channels through our food access programs |
| High Desert Partnership                           | Building a Thriving Food Economy in Harney County                       | \$25,000               | Harney  | to provide technical assistance to food/agriculture businesses in Harney county   |
| Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber                     | Bilingual Small Business Program  | \$10,000               | Statewide   | to support the Small Business Development Program   |
| Jackson County Library Foundation                 | Rural Entrepreneur in Residence   | \$20,000               | Jackson<br>Josephine  | to create a Rural Entrepreneur in Residence program in partnership with A Greater Applegate that will formalize existing peer-to-peer business mentoring  |
| Latino Founders                                   | Latinx Founder Accelerator Phase III                                    | \$14,867               | Statewide   | to work with Latinx Startup founders to scale their startups and prepare to reach one million dollars in annual revenues  |
| Latino Built Foundation                           | Technical Assistance for Latino Entrepreneurs                           | \$25,000               | Clackamas<br>Clark<br>Deschutes<br>Jackson<br>Jefferson<br>Linn<br>Marion<br>Multnomah<br>Polk<br>Washington<br>Yamhill | to provide bicultural and bilingual technical assistance for Oregon construction entrepreneurs  |
| Livelihood NW                                     | In-Depth Bookkeeping Support for Historically Underserved Entrepreneurs | \$22,000               | Statewide   | to support the In-Depth Bookkeeping Training program for underserved Oregon entrepreneurs   |
| Micro Enterprise Resources Initiatives & Training | Community Wealth Building through Lending Circles                       | \$25,000               | Malheur<br>Marion<br>Polk<br>Umatilla<br>Yamhill  | to support a Loan Officer position that will support lending circles to offer interest-free loans that will increase credit scores  |

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| Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon            | Providing women and BIPOC entrepreneurs with small business education and services | \$25,000               | Clackamas<br>Clark<br>Jackson<br>Marion<br>Multnomah<br>Washington | to support culturally specific small business education classes in Spanish and access to other business professional services   |
| NAMCO  | NAMC University  | \$25,000               | Statewide  | to expand the NAMC University curriculum to include new and innovative topics   |
| Nixyáawii Community Financial Services         | NW Native Fashion Show Entrepreneur program  | \$25,000               | Multnomah<br>Umatilla  | to expand and increase focus on Native Entrepreneurs and small businesses   |
| Northeast Oregon Economic Development District | NEOEDD Thriving Rural Entrepreneurs  | \$25,000               | Baker<br>Union<br>Wallowa  | to help improve outreach, increase delivery of classes, and expand hours for one-on-one coaching  |
| Plaza de Nuestra Comunidad                     | Cambios Business Program   | \$25,000               | Lane   | to support the Cambios Business Program   |
| REAP Inc                                       | REAP Young Entrepreneurs Program   | \$25,000               | Clackamas<br>Columbia<br>Multnomah<br>Washington                   | to support and expand REAP's Young Entrepreneurs Program  |
| Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network      | Inclusive Accelerator & Investment Initiative                                      | \$25,000               | Statewide  | to complement secured Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding for the capital-access focused accelerator team: Accelerator Director, Mentors, and Speakers  |
| Renegade Opera                                 | Renegade Opera's Artist Entrepreneur Program                                       | \$10,000               | Clackamas<br>Multnomah<br>Washington                               | to provide an arts entrepreneurial training program for performing artists  |
| Rural Development Initiatives, Inc             | Empieza tu Negocio de Cuidado de Niños in Hood River                               | \$35,000               | Hood River   | RDI and Comunidades will partner to deliver Empieza tu Negocio de Cuidado de Niños in the Hood River area in the first quarter of 2025. This is a high-demand Child Care Business Training Program to build wealth in Latino communities through small business start-up and growth |

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| Rural Engagement & Vitality Center                      | Frontier Oregon Regional Innovation Hub  | \$24,900               | Baker<br>Gilliam<br>Grant<br>Harney<br>Lake<br>Morrow<br>Umatilla<br>Union<br>Wallowa<br>Wheeler | for the Frontier Oregon Innovation Hub to support entrepreneurs  |
| Talent Chamber of Commerce dba Talent Business Alliance | Talent's Recovery and Growth 2025  | \$25,000               | Jackson  | to support TBA's Growth and Recovery Program in providing technical assistance, education and skill building opportunities, assistance with recovery grants, one-on-one business development, networking, revitalizing the marketplace, and vendor markets |
| Umpqua Economic Development Partnership                 | Umpqua Growth Talks Pitch Night  | \$25,000               | Douglas  | to cover the cost of preparing and presenting Pitch Night events for rural entrepreneurs in Douglas county   |
| Warm Springs Community Action Team                      | Tribal Youth - Entrepreneurship and Small Business   | \$25,000               | Jefferson<br>Wasco   | to engage tribal youth in culturally-supported entrepreneurship and small business training  |
| Xcelerate Women   | Changing the Face of Success in Business: Support for Oregon's BIPOC & Rural Women Entrepreneurs | \$25,000               | Statewide  | to deepen community partnerships and extend our Coaching, Peer Group, and Education programs to women entrepreneurs with a focus on BIPOC, Rural, and/or Consumer Products entrepreneurs   |