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## Oregon Solutions receives a grant from the Frances A. Staten Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation

Oregon Solutions is the recipient of a \$40,000 grant from the Frances A. Staten Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation to support 8 new community-based projects that support Oregon's Sustainable Community Objectives and bring together the collaborative efforts of businesses, government entities, and non-profit organizations.

The mission of Oregon Solutions is to develop sustainable solutions to community-based problems that support economic, environmental, and community objectives and are built through the collaborative efforts of businesses, government, and non-profit organizations. Oregon Solutions provides the mechanism for collaborative problem solving to occur. By using a collaborative process, the partners reach agreement on what they will do together to solve the problem at hand. This approach makes efficient use of public and private investments, accelerates the pace of the project, overcomes impediments early on, and elevates the visibility of the project. Since 2001, Oregon Solutions has assisted 18 communities in Oregon in solving local issues and continues work on 16 projects throughout the state. For more information on Oregon Solutions, visit [www.orsolutions.org](http://www.orsolutions.org)

The Oregon Community Foundation, established in 1973 and now for 30 years, has managed charitable funds donated by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the Foundation's endowment consists of over 1000 funds with combined assets of over \$500 million.

The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Application materials are available through the foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 1221 SW Yamhill, Suite 100, Portland OR 97205, 503-227-6846.