

Neighborhood Partnerships

ANNUAL REPORT 2010—2011

Neighborhood Partnerships (NP) enhances the lives of thousands of Oregonians each year across the state through high profile collaborations, initiatives and programs. Strong management, consistent evaluation, and a willingness to drive systems innovations and policy advances helps us fulfill our core mission: to create opportunity for low income Oregonians.

NP works to ensure that Oregon remains a place in which we build on our traditions of acting together for the common good: a place that offers all of us a chance to thrive; a state where the ladder of opportunity is within reach; a place where race and class inequities are addressed and not overlooked; a place with adequately supported systems to move us forward together.

2010-2011 Milestones Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Economic Growth and Stability

We all have a stake in an Oregon where everyone has access to opportunity and communities can prosper. Together, we can build and sustain the next generation's middle class and bring the ladder of opportunity within reach.

The Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) Initiative provides financial education and matching funds to help Oregonians save for homeownership, a small business, or the education they need to build new skills. This successful program is helping to rebuild Oregon's middle class, and in the process help rebuild Oregon. NP has managed the Oregon IDA Initiative with Oregon Housing and Community Services since 2003, and together with our many partners we have built a system that moves low income Oregonians toward greater financial resilience. This unique partnership with the State of Oregon, non-profit organizations, businesses, and contributors builds toward a vision of prosperity for all Oregonians.

Milestones in 2010—2011:

- In 2010, the Oregon IDA Initiative received over \$7.8 million in private contributions, which qualify for the Oregon IDA 75% tax credit.
- As of June 2011, over two thousand Oregonians have graduated from the IDA program; 699 have purchased or renovated a home; 761 have started or expanded a business; and 550 have pursued an education to expand their skills.
- The Oregon IDA Initiative has lasting results. According to an ongoing, independent evaluation by Portland State University, our graduates meet their savings goals and improve their long-term financial prospects by saving more and living within a budget. Read the evaluation at <http://ida.neighborhoodpartnerships.org/evaluation>.

Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Thriving Communities

Access to safe, decent, and affordable housing in all Oregon communities has been a central goal since inception. Housing remains a core focus of our work and a key indicator of progress as we engage partners to build up the array of systems that support thriving communities. We know that Oregonians believe that hardworking people should not have to choose between paying the rent and buying food and medicine, and we also know that too many Oregonians face that choice every day.

NP administers the nationally recognized Bridges to Housing program, which serves high need homeless families in Clark County, Washington and in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon. Bridges to Housing provides families with multiple barriers to stability with housing, intensive services, and child care in an effort to move families out of crisis and keep future generations out of homelessness.

Bridges to Housing's independent evaluation results show improved outcomes for families and children. Children are more stable in their school and childcare settings, and educational performance increases. The results also show decreases in family mobility, incidence of domestic violence and the placement of children in foster care. Evaluation reports and more information are at www.bridgestohousing.org.

Milestones in 2010—2011:

- Bridges to Housing served an additional 80 families, bringing the total number served to over 350 families as of June 2011. Partners continue to serve families in 2011-2012.
- The four counties participating in Bridges to Housing have committed public funds, ensuring this successful program will continue to serve families throughout the metro area in the years ahead. Over the past five years, service to families with multiple barriers has become a core component of each county's work to end homelessness.

NP continues to take leadership in policy and advocacy around housing needs. We convene and coordinate the work of the Housing Alliance, a statewide coalition which advocates for increased investment in affordable housing. The Housing Alliance has worked together to secure the resources we need to create strong communities across Oregon, and we've pulled together to protect those most affected by the economic recession.

During the 2011 Legislative Session we made significant progress, in spite of the state budget shortfall, and we continued to build understanding and awareness of housing needs at the Legislature.

We secured Lottery Backed Bonds to preserve existing affordable housing; we extended sunset dates on key tools to build and preserve affordable housing; we protected funds for ending and preventing homelessness; we helped protect consumer interests in the foreclosure process; and much more. The 2012 and 2013 legislative sessions will offer new opportunities and challenges as we work to advance our agendas.

Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Positive Change

NP has long understood the importance of speaking about the values that shape and inform our work and we have proven the power of adapting the way we talk about our work and our communities. In the face of the economic downturn, advocates must be a unified voice to advance a vision of Oregon which offers its diversity of residents opportunities to thrive and pathways out of poverty and disenfranchisement.

In 2009, we were introduced to the Public Works Project, who helped us to communicate more effectively about the role of government and the economy. In 2010, we created an Advocate’s College to train leaders and advocates from across the state in the theory, science and application of strategic communications. Thanks to the generous partnership of Patrick Bresette of the Public Works Project, Larry Wallack of Portland State University, and a host of others, we graduated the first cohort of advocates, developed both tools and capacity, and supported key advocacy efforts at the local and state level.

We have engaged a broad cohort of both established and emerging leaders in our effort, and we are joined by new partners at every turn. Our work empowers them to advocate effectively for structural and systemic change and nurtures new, strategic linkages between advocacy organizations. In the coming months, we will continue to engage this cohort of leaders in articulating and moving a common vision of a thriving Oregon. We hope you’ll join us.

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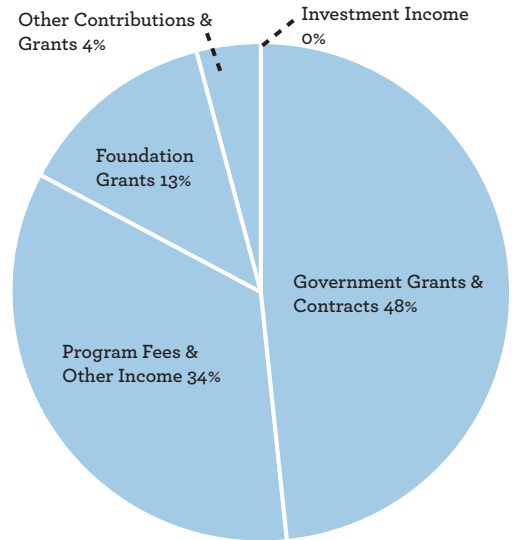
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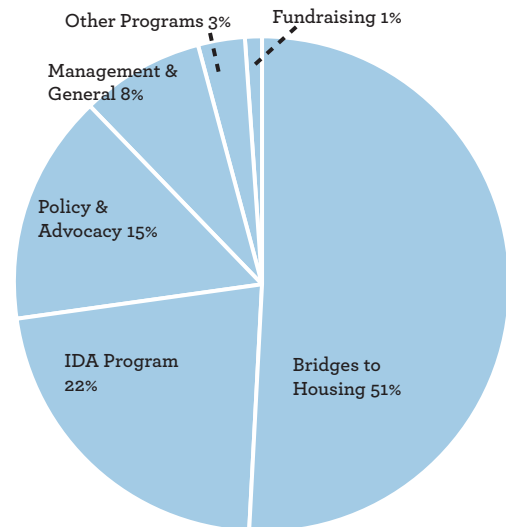
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TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES IN 2010-2011

IDA Funds		
IDA Contributions Received	8,001,018	
IDA Grants Obligated or Paid	(6,425,388)	
Less Outstanding Designations	(1,575,630)	
Government Grants & Contracts	676,182	48%
Program Fees & Other Income	800,124	34%
Foundation Grants	475,597	13%
Other Contributions & Grants	82,845	4%
Investment Income	9,233	0%
	1,395,388	100%
Carryover to Next Fiscal Year	304,808	
	\$1,700,196	



TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2010-2011

Bridges to Housing	860,020	51%
IDA Program	372,323	22%
Policy & Advocacy	258,309	15%
Management & General	143,242	8%
Other Programs	49,709	3%
Fund Raising	16,593	1%
	\$1,700,196	100%

Please see our website for more information, including the annual audit and Form 990.