

DATE: March 8, 2017
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Kimberly Branam, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Report Number 17-10
Update on the Fiscal Year 2016/17 PDC Community Livability Grant Program Awards

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested; information only.

SUMMARY

In fiscal year (FY) 2006/07, the Portland Development Commission (PDC) established the Community Livability Grant (CLG) Program, a competitive grant program to support non-profit and community-based organizations in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (URA). Owing to its success and popularity, PDC expanded the CLG Program to the Lents Town Center and Gateway Regional Center URAs in FY 2010/11, to the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood (River District and Downtown Waterfront URAs) in FY 2014/15, and to the Central Eastside URA in FY 2015/16. Since 2006, PDC has awarded more than \$5,000,000 to over 100 community-based organizations across multiple URAs.

At the March 8, 2017 PDC Board of Commissioners (Board) meeting, staff will provide an update on the CLG Program awards for FY 2016/17. Recipients of these awards are located in the Lents Town Center, Gateway Regional Center, and Central Eastside URAs, and in the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood. The CLG Program for the Interstate Corridor URA is on a different cycle; key dates are noted on page two of this report.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Funds for the CLG Program are intended for permanent, real property improvements, and projects must add, expand, or improve physical space. Priority is given to projects that benefit communities of color or people with low incomes and that promote widely-shared prosperity. Such projects would, for example:

- Support wealth creation opportunities for small business owners
- Improve access to jobs and workforce development services
- Honor and enhance the neighborhood's cultural diversity and history
- Deliver a community asset tailored to the community's expressed priorities and opportunities

In addition, priority is given to projects that meet URA specific criteria including:

- Lents Town Center URA: Further the goals of the Lents Town Center Five-Year Action Plan (2014).
- Gateway Regional Center URA: Further the goals of the Gateway Action Plan (2016) and the Halsey/Weidler Commercial District Investment Strategy (2014).

- Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood: Further the goals of the Old Town/Chinatown Five-Year Action Plan (2014), particularly by honoring and enhancing the district’s multi-ethnic culture and history and by promoting a positive vision, image, story, or brand for the neighborhood.
- Interstate Corridor URA: Align with the priorities of the North/Northeast Community Development Initiative (2017), build community prosperity by supporting growth, development, and sustainability of key community-based organizations that drive economic development outcomes and serve communities that have experienced displacement or not benefited from economic opportunities (e.g., African Americans, people of color, and people with disabilities).

Typical CLG Program grants range from \$10,000 to \$50,000; the maximum grant is \$300,000. Grants are awarded through a competitive process. The CLG Program is subject to PDC’s Global Grants and Infrastructure Budget, which caps the amount of PDC tax increment financing resources that can be spent on grants, infrastructure, and loan forgiveness at 20 percent across all eligible URAs.

On October 24, 2016, staff opened the most recent cycle of CLG Program applications (17 requests across four neighborhoods). The total budgeted funding available in FY 2016/17 was \$750,000, and grant requests totaled \$1,010,440. In order to review the competitive submittals, staff assembled evaluation committees for each URA including representation from the community, the Neighborhood Economic Development Leadership Group, and PDC staff. The evaluation committees and staff recommended funding for 13 projects, with awards totaling \$846,940 across four neighborhoods. The selection of grant awardees was announced on February 13, 2017.

Details on applicants, awardees, and evaluation committee deliberations are available in Attachment A.

The FY 2016/17 Interstate Corridor URA CLG Program was launched on March 1, 2017; selection of grant awardees is anticipated on June 7, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CLG Program Award Recommendations for FY 2016-2017



TO: Kimberly Branam, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Award Recommendations for FY 2016-2017 Community Livability Grant Program

Program Summary

PDC received a total of 17 grant applications this year from the Lents Town Center, Gateway Regional Center, and Central Eastside urban renewal areas (URAs), and the Old Town/Chinatown (OT/CT) neighborhood. Total funding available is \$750,000; grant requests totaled \$1,010,440.

Evaluation Committees for each area – Lents Town Center, Gateway Regional Center, Central Eastside urban renewal areas (URAs), and the Old Town/Chinatown (OT/CT) neighborhood – scored and discussed the proposals for their area. The committees included representation from the community, the Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) Leadership Group, and staff. The committees and staff recommended total awards of \$773,940 across the four areas. Below is a list of organizations that submitted grant applications. Following the list are details about the committee recommendations for each of the areas.

Lents Town Center

- Green Lents
- Portland Youth Builders
- ROSE CDC
- Wisdom of the Elders

Gateway

- Friends of Gateway Green
- Gateway Area Business Association (2)
- Gateway One (2) (one application deemed to not be TIF eligible)
- Hazelwood Neighborhood Association
- Portland Adventist Community Services
- Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors

Central Eastside

- Miracle Theatre Group
- Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

Old Town/China Town

- Lan Su Chinese Garden
- Portland Chinatown History Foundation
- Transition Projects (application deemed to not be TIF eligible)

LENTS TOWN CENTER (URA) RECOMMENDATIONS

Four applications with grant requests totaling \$328,000 were received for the Lents Town Center URA, which had \$250,000 in funding available. The committee recommended funding all four applications, in whole or part, for a total award of \$250,000.

All recommendations are reflected in the table below and specific recommendations are detailed in the narrative that follows.

This is the seventh year the CLG program has been offered in the Lents Town Center URA. All four applicants have received previous grant awards. This year the program prioritized proposals that:

- Support wealth creation opportunities for small business owners
- Improve access to jobs and workforce development services
- Honor and enhance the neighborhood’s cultural diversity and history
- Deliver a community asset tailored to the community’s expressed priorities and opportunities
- Further the goals of the Lents Town Center Five-Year Action Plan (2014)

Lents Town Center URA FY 2016-17 Recommended CLG Awards

Applicant Organization	Project Name / Description	Grant Request	Committee Recommended Award	Staff Recommended Award	Total Project Budget
Green Lents	Malden Court Community Orchard. Improve accessibility, irrigation, and lighting.	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$74,000
ROSE Community Development Corporation	Lents Youth Music Education Center. Improve 330 SQFT community room into space to teach, practice, make, and record music.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,500
Portland Youth Builders	Southeast Campus Expansion. Support a 2,500 SQFT expansion which will enable the consolidation of all PYB programs in the Lents location.	\$195,000	\$175,000	\$195,000	\$786,301
Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.	Wisdom Workforce Development Initiative. Restore 20 acres of Lents upland, riparian, wetland and stream habitats. Provide low-income Native American adults with conservation workforce opportunities.	\$80,000	\$22,000	\$75,000	\$178,500
Total		\$328,000	\$250,000	\$323,000	\$1,046,301

Full Funding Recommended

1. Green Lents, Malden Court Community Orchard

Project Address: 8931 SE Foster Rd.

Recommended Award: \$48,000 for accessibility improvements to Malden Court Community Orchard

Green Lents supports community-led projects that provide volunteer, education, and leadership opportunities in and around the Lents neighborhood, to support a thriving and sustainable community. The Malden Court Community Orchard (MCCO), a project of Green Lents, is a 16,800 sqft community orchard and public green space. The next phase of development focuses on expanding accessibility, specifically:

- Replace approximately 1,500 sqft of wood-chip paths with pervious concrete to improve accessibility while managing stormwater on site
- Expand drip irrigation to two new planting zones
- Install solar-powered motion sensitive lights

The committee recommended full funding based on Green Lents' dedication to delivering a community asset and the importance of providing improved access for residents and student with mobility challenges.

2. ROSE Community Development Corporation, Lents Youth Music Education Center

Project Address: 8940 SE Reedway St.

Recommended Award: \$5,000 to transform a 330 sqft community meeting room into a space to teach, practice, make and record music

ROSE Community Development Corporation is dedicated to revitalizing outer Southeast Portland neighborhoods, through the development of good homes and economic opportunities. Through the creation of the Lents Youth Music Education Center (LYMEC), ROSE will have the opportunity to build partnerships that increase services for youth of color and low-income youth in a culturally specific way. The physical improvements to the space include:

- Additional security cameras, acoustic panel to improve the sound of the room, mural on the interior wall, and permanent locking storage

The committee recommended full funding based ROSE CDC's plan to serve youth from a diverse background, including youth who are residents of ROSE CDC housing and who are from the greater community.

3. Portland YouthBuilders, Southeast Campus Expansion.

Project Address: 4816 SE 92ND Avenue

Recommended Award: \$195,000 to support a 2,500 SQFT expansion which will enable the consolidation of all Portland YouthBuilders programs in the Lents location

Portland YouthBuilders (PYB) is committed to providing long term support for low income youth and provides education, vocation training, and leadership development services for more than 200 young people between the ages of 17 and 24, who have not completed high school and who face significant barriers to success. The Southeast Campus Expansion project is an opportunity for PYB to improve program efficiencies by consolidating all programs to its Lents location and will position PYB for future campus growth. Improvements include:

- Upgraded exterior spaces, improved interior functionality, and building façade improvements
- Bringing the Computer Tech Training Program to the Lents location

The committee recommended funding this project at \$175,000, based on PYB's commitment to serving a diverse enrollment of low-income young people who face multiple and serious barriers to academic achievement and career success, PYB's support of helping young people become self-sufficient, contributing members of the workforce and their community, and with a desire to stay within the allocated grant funding for the Lents URA CLG projects. After further review the Lents URA budget staff recommended fully funding the project at \$195,000.

4. **Wisdom of the Elders, Inc., Wisdom Workforce Development Initiative.**

Project Address: Various Lents Sites

Recommended Award: \$75,000 to restore 20 acres of Lents upland, riparian, wetland and stream habitats. Provide low-income Native American adults with conservation workforce opportunities.

Wisdom of the Elders Inc. provides low-income Native American adults with conservation workforce opportunities to assist them in achieving living wage jobs. Improvements in the Lents Town Center URA include:

- Restoring, monitoring and maintaining almost twenty acres of parks and natural areas in the Springwater Corridor, Johnson Creek, Foster Floodplain and Indian Creek Natural Areas, Zenger Farm and Leach Botanical Garden.

The committee recommended partially funding the project at a level of \$22,000, focusing funds on the planting materials and a portion of the intern labor costs. The committee selected this amount based on the remaining funds lefts in the original \$250,000 budget for the Lents URA. After further review the Lents URA budget staff recommended funding the project at \$75,000, which fully funds all of the eligible items in the Wisdom of the Elders application.

GATEWAY REGIONAL CENTER URA RECOMMENDATIONS

Seven applications with grant requests totaling \$294,000 were received for the Gateway Regional Center URA, which had \$200,000 funding available. An eighth application was deemed ineligible. The committee recommended funding five applications, in whole or in part, for a total award of \$200,000. All recommendations are reflected in the table below and specific recommendations are detailed in the narrative that follows.

This is the fourth year the CLG program has been offered in the Gateway Regional Center URA. Two of the five applicants have received previous grant awards. This year the program prioritized proposals that:

- Support wealth creation opportunities for small business owners
- Improve access to jobs and workforce development services
- Honor and enhance the neighborhood’s cultural diversity and history
- Deliver a community asset tailored to the community’s expressed priorities and opportunities
- Further the goals of the Gateway Action Plan (2016) and the Halsey/Weidler Commercial District Investment Strategy (2014).

Gateway Regional Center URA FY 2016-17 Recommended CLG Awards

Applicant Organization	Project Name / Description	Grant Request	Recommended Award	Total Project Budget
Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS)	Low-Income Health Clinic and Food Pantry Expansion. Comprehensive health center for low-income people in Gateway and East Multnomah County, providing primary medical, dental, and ophthalmology care.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,5000
Hazelwood Neighborhood Association	Street Furnishings. Benches and public trash cans on NE Halsey and NE Weidler and on 102nd.	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$42,444
Gateway One EcoDistrict	Gateway Green Wall. 16 ft. long green wall at the Outer Rim Bike Shop on NE Halsey Street.	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$44,000
Parkrose Heights Associations of Neighbors	East Island Kiosk. Design and install an iconic information kiosk to host a solar array at the East Island.	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$31,000
Gateway Area Business Association	Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Install two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in the Halsey Weidler Corridor.	\$24,000	\$14,000	\$31,000
Total		\$210,000	\$200,000	\$448,944

Full Funding Recommended:

1. Portland Adventist Community Services , Low-Income Health Clinic and Food Pantry Expansion

Project Address: 1424 NE 109th Ave

Recommended Award: \$100,000 to support a comprehensive health center for low-income people in Gateway and East Multnomah County. Center will provide primary medical, dental, and ophthalmology care.

Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) provides food, health care, and low-cost clothing and household items to low-income individuals in the Portland area. The new health center will serve people under 200% of the poverty level with free or reduced-cost care. The improvements include:

- Expand operations from 1,400 sqft to 1,875 sqft
- Add a dedicated waiting room and additional examinations rooms
- Adding dental and ophthalmology care
- Food pantry will be expanded with a dedicated waiting room and restrooms

The committee recommended full funding based on PACS' commitment to serving low-income individuals in Gateway and East Multnomah County and on their project's alignment with the Halsey/Weidler Commercial District Investment Strategy.

2. Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, Street Furnishings

Project Address: NE Halsey, NE Weidler, and 102ND

Recommended Award: \$36,000 to support the installation of benches and public trash cans on NE Halsey, NE Weidler, and 102nd

The Hazelwood Neighborhood Association in partnership with Gateway Area Business Association successfully designed and installed five benches and seven public trash cans along NE Halsey and NE Weidler, through a FY 2015-2016 Community Livability Grant from PDC. This project will expand on their success to add additional benches and trash cans and expand the installations onto 102nd. The consistency in design will build upon the branding efforts of the community. The street furnishings include:

- Benches and public trash cans to be installed along NE Halsey, NE Weidler, and 102nd, including a trash can and three benches in the East Island Triangle.

The committee recommended full funding of this project based on the past success with street furnishings, the importance of a consistent design of the street furniture, and the alignment with the Halsey/Weidler Commercial District Investment Strategy.

3. Gateway One EcoDistrict, Gateway Green Wall

Project Address: 10625 NE Halsey St.

Recommend Award: \$26,000 to create a 16 ft.-long green wall at the Outer Rim Bike Shop on NE Halsey Street

The Gateway One EcoDistrict is a community-driven initiative to organize, identify, and implement projects which will lead to a more sustainable neighborhood where people want to live, work and

play. The Green Wall at the Outer Rim Bike shop will showcase the organizations commitment to sustainability by harvesting rainwater as a source of irrigation and serving as an education model for the Gateway community.

- Enhance the Outer Rim Bike Shop outdoor space with a 16 ft.-long green wall in a location that is highly visible to automobile, bike, and pedestrian traffic.
- The Green Wall will harvest rainwater as a source of irrigation and serve as an educational model for the community.

The committee recommended fully funding the Gateway Green Wall as long as the specifications of the design are permanent and TIF eligible expenses. If needed, the committee recommends allocating funds from the design charrettes to the construction of the wall to ensure the wall meets TIF eligibility.

4. **Parkrose Heights Associations of Neighbors, East Island Kiosk**

Project Address: 112TH and NE Halsey

Recommended Award: \$24,000 to design and install an iconic information kiosk to display community information and host a solar array at the East Island

The Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors (PHAN) is dedicated to helping neighbors work together to enhance the livability of the Parkrose Heights neighborhood. The East Island Kiosk will create a central location for neighbors to learn information in multiple languages about current events in the neighborhood. The kiosk will also display information about the amount of energy the attached solar array is generating on site. The kiosk will add to the pedestrian and bike infrastructure contributing to the walkability of the Halsey/Weidler Corridor.

The committee recommended full funding of the East Island Kiosk but will require PHAN to conduct broader outreach for the design of the kiosk and think creatively about ways to display the solar array information, including using lights instead of an electronic sign.

Partial Funding Recommend

5. **Gateway Area Business Association, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Project Address: 106th and NE Halsey

Recommended Award: \$14,000 to install one Electric Vehicle Charging Station in the Halsey Weidler Corridor

The Gateway Area Business Association (GABA) is one of Oregon's longest-standing business associations. The installation of an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station will promote the Gateway area brand as being environmentally responsible. The application called for the installation of two EV Charging Stations, one at the under construction Gateway Discovery Park at NE Halsey and 106th and a second at the East Island at NE Halsey and 112th.

The committee recommended partial funding of this project to support the installation of one EV Charging Station. Staff will require Gateway One to coordinate with the City of Portland Electric Vehicle Strategy and the Portland Bureau of Transportation Electric Vehicle Right-of-Way Study to

site the EV Charging Station. The committee encourages GABA to seek funding for additional EV charging stations from other available resources.

Not Recommended for Funding

6. Friends of Gateway Green, Gateway Green / Gateway District Signage and Wayfinding - Construction Phase

Project Address: Gateway URA with a concentration of Gateway Transit Center, Halsey Weidler Corridor, Gateway Shopping Center, and I-205 Multi--Use Path access points

Project Not Recommended for funding

In 2016, Friends of Gateway Green was awarded a PDC Community Livability Grant to address Gateway District branding and identity and wayfinding to the adjacent Gateway Green public open space project, and establish a system of prototype signs, markings, icons, and kiosks that can be used to strengthen neighborhood sense of place and help both residents and visitors make their way to the new urban park. This proposal is for the Construction Phase of the wayfinding and district brand development project to construct multiple pilot place markers demonstrating the new system.

The committee did not recommend the project for award based on the timeline of the 2016 PDC Community Livability Grant. The committee was very supportive of the project and encourages Friends of Gateway Green to complete the current phase of the project and to reapply for the construction phase in the next cycle of Community Livability Grants.

7. Gateway Area Business Association, Community Medallions

Project Address: 103rd and Halsey

Project Not Recommended for funding.

The Gateway Area Business Association (GABA) is one of Oregon's longest standing business associations and every year for the past 16 years GABA has selected a "Person of the Year" for outstanding community work. This project proposes the installation of "GABA Person of the Year" medallions on the sidewalks along 103rd. The medallions of past winners would be embedded in the concrete sidewalk, and each year a new winner would have a medallion added with their name.

The committee did not recommend funding for this application based on the project not being fully refined and the implementation options not being fully thought through or discussed with the wider GABA membership and community.

CENTRAL EASTSIDE URA RECOMMENDATIONS

Two applications with grant requests totaling \$125,000 were received for the Central Eastside (CES) URA, which had \$100,000 in funding available. The committee recommended funding both applications, both at the requested amount. The evaluation committee and staff request that an additional \$25,000 be allocated to the Central Eastside CLG budget for FY 2016-2017, for a total award of \$125,000.

This is the second year the CLG program has been offered in the CES URA. Last year, the CES URA received only one application, so this year’s applications are generally viewed as a success for the neighborhood. Staff and the evaluation committee are encouraged that the interest and familiarity with the program will continue to grow. This year the program prioritized proposals that:

- Support wealth creation opportunities for small business owners
- Improve access to jobs and workforce development services
- Honor and enhance the neighborhood’s cultural diversity and history
- Deliver a community asset tailored to the community’s expressed priorities and opportunities

Central Eastside FY 2016-17 Recommended CLG Awards

Applicant Organization	Project Name and Description	Grant Request	Recommended Award	Total Project Budget
Miracle Theatre Group	The Next Miracle Capital Improvements. Support interior and exterior improvements to El Centro Milagro.	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$1,000,000
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)	Early Childhood Education (ECE) area in OMSI’s Center for Innovation. Support the creation of a 1,850 SQFT Early Childhood Education area.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Total		\$125,000	\$125,000	\$1,250,000

Recommendations for Full Funding

1. Miracle Theatre Group, The Next Miracle Capital Improvements

Project Address: 425 SE 6TH AVE

Recommended Award: \$75,000 to support improvements to El Centro Milagro

The Miracle Theatre Group (Milagro) is a vibrant cultural center in the heart of the Central Eastside neighborhood, providing Latino theatre, culture, and arts education experiences for the enrichment of all communities. Milagro is an anchor institution of the Central Eastside Industrial District and is the only art organization of color and the only Eastside art organization to own real estate. The 121-seat theatre and convening space is one of very few, vibrant cultural spaces provided by and for communities of color. The proposed project addresses key upgrades to make the facility more accessible and usable by a greater number of community groups, and the exterior improvements

will enhance the appeal of the building and neighborhood. The improvements to El Centro Milagro include:

- Improvements to make El Zocalo, the community event space, more accessible and functional
- Upgrades to the appearance of the building's exterior
- Improvements to the lobby and interior spaces so events in the theatre and public spaces can occur simultaneously.

The committee recommended full funding based on The Miracle Theatre Group's role as cultural anchor in the Central Eastside and the Portland region. The project will give The Miracle Theatre Group the opportunity to increase the company's earned income potential and financial sustainability.

2. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Early Childhood Education area in OMSI's Center for Innovation.

Project Address: 1945 SE Water Avenue

Recommended Award: \$50,000 to support the creation of a 1,850 SQFT Early Childhood Education area

The Turbine Hall at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) has supplemented Oregon's education system for 25 years, providing an entry point to science education. The proposed project will support the creation of the 1,850 sqft Early Childhood Education (ECE) area within the Center for Innovation, designed specifically for children ages 4-8. The updates to the Turbine Hall are aimed to better support girls and students of color, to meet increasing industry needs, and to engage 21st century learners. OMSI plans to develop the ECE Area of the Center of Innovation in partnership with Impact NW to better reach underserved audiences and to continue their work with Girls Inc., Boys and Girls Club, and Adelante Mujeres.

The committee recommended full funding based on the ECE's focus on girls and children of color and OMSI's capacity to complete the project, but the committee will require OMSI to encourage and support the attendance of low-income students, especially from schools with 50% or more participating in free or reduced lunch programs.

OLD TOWN/CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

Two applications with grant requests totaling \$227,440 were received for the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood, which has \$200,000 in funding available (\$100,000 each in River District and Downtown Waterfront URAs). Applicants were able to apply for funds in one or both URAs. A third application was deemed to be ineligible for TIF funds due to the temporary nature of the proposed improvements and was eliminated from consideration by the evaluation committee. Staff’s recommendations, informed by committee input, are summarized below.

This is the third year the CLG program has been offered in Old Town/Chinatown, and the program prioritized proposals that further the goals of the Old Town/Chinatown Five-Year Action Plan, particularly by:

- Honoring and enhancing the district’s multi-ethnic culture and history; and
- Promoting a positive vision, image, story or brand for the neighborhood

Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood FY 2016-17 Recommended CLG Awards:

Applicant Organization	Project Name	Grant Request (URA)	Recommended Award (DTWF)	Recommended Award (RD URA)	Award TOTAL	Total Project Budget
Lan Su Chinese Garden	Physical Upgrades for Accessibility and Historical and Cultural Significance. Support upgrades for restrooms to be ADA compliant.	\$100,000 (DTWF URA)	\$71,500	\$0	\$71,500	\$885,300
Portland Chinatown History Foundation	The Portland Chinatown Museum. Support renovations to existing building for the Portland Chinatown Museum’s exhibition space, offices, meeting, storage, service areas, and gift shop.	\$127,440 (RD URA)	\$0	\$127,440	\$127,440	\$547,508
TOTAL		\$127,440	\$71,500	\$127,440	\$198,940	\$785,508

Full Funding Recommended:

1. The Portland Chinatown History Foundation, The Portland Chinatown Museum

Project Address: 127 NW Third Avenue

Recommended Award: \$127,440 for renovations to existing building for the Portland Chinatown Museum’s exhibition space, offices, meeting, storage, service areas, and gift shop

The mission of the Portland Chinatown History Foundation is “to honor, preserve, and interpret the history and rich cultural heritage of Portland’s historic Chinatowns.” The Portland Chinatown Museum (Museum) will introduce a vibrant new cultural attraction and center for community history and the arts to the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood. The Museum’s centerpiece is a permanent 2,300 sqft installation of Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland’s Historic Chinatowns. The Museum will also provide multiethnic walking tours and space for rotating exhibitions of contemporary Asian American art and history, performances, lectures and classes for school groups and adults. Specifically the improvements to the 6,500 sqft existing building include:

- Renovations for the Portland Chinatown Museum’s exhibition space, offices, meeting, storage, service areas, and gift shop.
- Sprinklers, LED lighting, and ADA bathrooms and doors.

The committee recommended full funding of this project to support the delivery of a community asset tailored to the community's expressed priorities and the project's ability to bring new activity to the Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood.

Partial Funding Recommended

2. Lan Su Chinese Garden, Physical Upgrades for Accessibility and Historical and Cultural Significance

Project Address: 239 NW Everett Street

Recommended Award: \$71,500 for upgrades to restrooms to be ADA compliant

Lan Su Chinese Garden is a visible landmark of Old Town/Chinatown's history and is a center of the Chinese American community in Portland. Lan Su is one of only six classical Chinese Gardens in North American that are open to the public. Lan Su connects the present neighborhood with its past and is a major attraction that brings economic activity to the neighborhood today.

The committee recommends partial funding of this project based on Lan Su's role in promoting a positive image for the neighborhood. The committee highlighted the Restroom Upgrades and Automatic Door Opener in the Lan Su Chinese Garden 2017 Capital Improvement Plan as their priority for funding.

This funding recommendation necessitates increasing the River District URA CLG budget by \$27,440 and reducing the Downtown Waterfront URA budget by \$28,500. The evaluation committee recommends transferring the \$1,060 in unallocated CLG funds for Old Town/Chinatown to the PIP grant.