

The Multnomah Bar Foundation at Work in the Community

Since 2006, the Civic Education Fund has invested over \$220,000 to advance civic education and engagement and increase public understanding of the judiciary.

Meet our 2011 grant recipients.



Bus Project Foundation was awarded \$8,000 for Democracy Cup, a new program that uses young professionals and educators to teach Multnomah County high school students about civic participation and voting, and engages them in a voter registration competition with the goal of getting thousands of students, family and community members registered to vote.



Classroom Law Project received \$12,000 for Youth Summit, which provides Portland Metro area middle and high school students a unique opportunity to study a current public issue in depth, looking at multiple viewpoints and then discussing the topic with community leaders in a congressional hearing format.

League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund was granted \$650 for "Oregon Taxes" Fast Fact Flyer, a quick source of factual information on Oregon tax structure, laws and regulations; the flyer will be distributed statewide via League events, candidate forums, town hall meetings, community fairs, schools, libraries, social media and through League partnerships such as AAUW, AARP and city clubs.



The MBF, in partnership with MetroEast Community Media is developing a civic education video series for statewide distribution to schools and via cable access, YouTube and educational, news media and civic groups' Web sites; \$50,000 has been earmarked for this project.

MetroEast was granted \$3,500 for "The Courts and You | Legal Logic," a public affairs show about the role of the legal system in maintaining a safe and peaceful society.



Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR) was awarded \$5,000 for the Voter Education Project, part of their New Americans Initiative, which teaches newly naturalized citizens in the tri-county area about the voting system and helps them register to vote. The goals of the Voter Education Project are full immigrant and refugee integration, civic participation and voter engagement.



YOUthFILM Project was granted \$1,000 for the screening and promotion of their 2011 film event. The MBA YLS presents an annual student filmmaking contest for Oregon and southwest Washington children in grades K-12, with a legal or civic issue theme based on the ABA's Law Day theme.

