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### PGE Drive Change Fund Project Awards

*Forth assisted community-based organizations in grant proposals for \$1,249,343 to increase access to electric transportation*

PORTLAND – Ore. Forth provided outreach and technical support this summer to local community-based organizations and businesses submitting grant applications to PGE's Drive Change Fund aimed at expanding mobility options and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

PGE recently announced the awardees for the funding and Forth is pleased to report that six of the organizations we worked with have been awarded funding.

**Ride Connection (\$343,000)** For five new EVs with charging infrastructure to save overhead and allow a mobility specialist to properly manage the new fleet, allowing expansion of ride services for low-income, elderly individuals and adults with disabilities.

**Meals on Wheels People (\$337,731)** For an electric, refrigerated cargo van for meal delivery and an EV to support outreach and assessment efforts for new program adopters, which will help reduce costs for the over 700,000 meals that are delivered annually from their central kitchen for families experiencing food insecurity.

**Native American Youth and Family Center (\$272,359)** For five new EVs and charging infrastructure to serve students throughout NAYA's programming and expand to new areas for Native youth facing barriers due to cultural gaps in mainstream institutions.

**Oregon Food Bank (\$132,450)** For an EV pilot program, utilizing two electric SUVs, which will allow for further distribution of meals and increase nutritional education to the areas they serve.

**Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center (\$123,803)** For two EVs, which will transport clients to one of the six locations at no cost, eliminating a barrier for the lower income community of migrant and seasonal farmworkers in Washington and Yamhill counties.

**Portland African American Leadership Forum (\$40,000)** For an education and outreach program to create awareness of EV ownership and the environmental and economic issues they are tied to, helping to build civic participation and leadership to achieve results in the areas of social and climate justice.

#### ABOUT FORTH:

Forth is a nonprofit organization advancing electric, shared and smart transportation through innovation, demonstration, advocacy, and engagement. For more information, visit [forthmobility.org](http://forthmobility.org).

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