



## Washington County Community Ambassadors Cohort

Are you a passionate resident of Washington County looking to get more involved in your community? If so, join us for an exciting opportunity to become part of one of the cohorts that will start in the next few weeks, presented by Unite Oregon in collaboration with Metro, the City of Cornelius, the City of Beaverton, and Washington County.

These programs aim to bring diverse community leaders across the county that are interested in promoting and generating momentum around the [TV Highway Equitable Development Strategy](#) (EDS), and its continued development in order to help shape our future infrastructure planning and projects along TV highway and in Washington County. As well as learning about displacement, gentrification in our cities and how we can come together as a community to develop anti-displacement strategies and practices.

**TV Highway Project:** These leaders will be responsible for leading and coordinating the next phases of the EDS project, including partnership development, community leadership development, and a communications strategy for the EDS ([Read more](#)).

**Cornelius Town Center Plan:** These leaders will gather community input and increase civic engagement that will inform staff in the City of Cornelius on how to adapt its Town Center Plan towards a more equitable vision that helps local businesses and tenants. ([Read more](#)).

**Lombard West Development Project (Beaverton):** The site has optimum potential for a mixed-income, mixed-used development that will maximize density while leveraging prior public regional transit investments and regional planning efforts. By developing this site, the City of Beaverton and Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency (BURA) aim to mitigate the impacts of displacement in the area.

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTATIONS

This program consists of two interconnected components. First participants will attend four training sessions to get equipped with leadership skills around specific issues related to civic engagement and equitable development. Second, the Ambassadors will support one of the projects that Unite Oregon will be working on in collaboration with government agencies in Washington County.

**The Cohort will be launched on May 1, 2024 and the first meeting will take place from 6-8pm that day.**

**Program Benefits:** By joining one of the Community Ambassadors Cohort, participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Draw inspiration from Unite Oregon's grassroots community organizing, and advocacy models.
2. Gain new leadership and civic engagement skills that will enable them to participate in the design and implementation of current and future policies.
3. Form intercultural relationships/partnerships between key stakeholders who have the opportunity to collaborate on initiatives that align with existing and future government planning efforts.
4. Empower local businesses and tenants through community workshops around displacement, gentrification, and more.
5. Help make Washington County a thriving, multicultural region by increasing civic engagement among the communities who have been historically excluded from infrastructure planning.

**Participants Responsibilities:** Members of the Community Ambassadors Cohort are expected to help:

- Develop and implement a partnership development plan to engage government and community partners in the EDS process

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- Facilitate meetings and workshops to share EDS goals and identify alignment with existing projects through community workshops
  - Create and execute a communications strategy to increase awareness of EDS within diverse and marginalized communities
  - Collaborate with stakeholders to ensure community participation in policy advocacy and infrastructure development

**Qualifications:** to be eligible, applicants must have:

- Interest in community development, urban planning, social work, or other related fields,
- Experience or interested in community organizing, partnership development, or communications,
- An understanding of equity, social justice, and community engagement principles, and/or
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively with diverse stakeholders.

**Fluency in a language spoken by diverse communities in Washington County, , other than English, is a plus.**

**Note to Candidates:** Studies have shown that women and people of color are less likely to apply for jobs or serve on committees unless they believe they meet every one of the required/preferred qualifications. Unite Oregon is committed to building a diverse and inclusive organization. We strongly encourage you to apply, even if you don't believe you meet all of the qualifications described or require reasonable accommodation to participate in this Cohort.

To apply, please submit your application using [this link](#). **Deadline for application is Friday April 19th..**

**ACCESSIBILITY**

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- \* Stipends (\$) available for your attendance and participation
  - \* Language interpretation and technology support available by request
  - \* Hybrid options for in-person meetings

## SAFETY GUIDELINES

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases, the Cohort will mostly be meeting VIRTUALLY starting on May 1st 2024. There may be potential for in-person meetings based on safety guidelines.

## ABOUT UNITE OREGON

Unite Oregon is a 501(c)(3) grassroots community organization with four chapters, in Portland, Beaverton, Medford and Clackamas. Unite Oregon is a membership organization led by people of color, immigrants and refugees, rural communities, and people experiencing poverty. We work across Oregon to build a unified, intercultural movement for justice.

Grounded in the belief that organizing people who are suffering from oppression have the greatest potential to affect the root causes of economic, political, and social injustice, we involve our members in all aspects of program development and implementation.

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

For questions or one-on-one support contact [mohanad@uniteoregon.org](mailto:mohanad@uniteoregon.org)  
We are excited to work with applicants who want to develop their leadership skills to be active members in their communities! Thank you for showing interest in our programs.

***\*Please be aware that any information shared in your application will be kept confidential. Refer to our [privacy policy](#) using the hyperlink.\****