

## Multicultural Centers

**Problem:** Community does not have adequate indoor space available and affordable for multicultural community gatherings.

**Solution:** State funds cities and culturally-specific community organizations to create multicultural centers that include event space, on-site interpreters, social services, and other community resources and information.

### Compelling Statistic and/or Quote:

“Multicultural museum to learn more about cultures and understand the history.

(e.g., black history month event Alton Baker Park)

- Timeline of what was occurring in Oregon, different cultures have timelines/histories. What happened here in Oregon. The timeline of each culture (i.e. each Tribe, other people of color).
- Do more activities at the library or community spaces to teach community about the history
- Word of mouth and banners, promoting and marketing throughout the state, letting people know what’s happening (i.e. at the civic center, moda center, etc.)
- Cultural celebrations- dancing, learning about cultures, embracing one another's' cultures - been impactful for communities
- Culturally-specific prevention care monthly- transgender month, women’s month, each specific month. preventative health (i.e. check-ups, testing for abcd).” [HEAL meetings agendas and notes coded public](#) pages: 61

“Community centers is a great idea. EPRC (East Portland Resilience Coalition)- energy resource hubs places where people can go to connect, find resources, and have a place to work-shared workspace- internet connect ability. It's hard to find shared workspace.” **Meeting with Mustafah**

**“Commissioner Pandya**

Multicultural Center. Families need a place to spend time within a facility because the weather is too cold for families to spend their time outdoors. Inclusive to everyone without being attached to a religion or specific community.

Recommends state level funding for cities who want to open a multicultural center.”

**Potential Costs (Investment):**

**Community Source for Idea:** OCAPIA/ [HEAL meetings agendas and notes coded public](#) pages: (57) (54)

**Potential State Agency Partners:**

**Potential Community Partners:**

**Citations:**

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