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CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY LAND TRUST RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

MILWAUKIE, Ore. – The Clackamas Community Land Trust is the recipient of a \$11,600 grant from the Carl J. and Alma Johnson Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation and a \$10,500 grant from an anonymous funder.

CCLT will use the OCF grant to implement the Community Assets Project, designed to increase membership, volunteerism and communication within the member-based organization. “OCF is pleased to be a partner with the Clackamas Community Land Trust in building community involvement to meet the urgent need for affordable housing in the metropolitan area,” said OCF Program Officer Jeff Anderson. “The land trust’s work to help renters become homeowners is an important means of stabilizing neighborhoods and building assets for people of modest means.”

Established in 1973, OCF manages charitable funds donated by individuals, families and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the foundation's endowment consists of more than 800 funds with combined assets of \$400 million.

The anonymous grant will be used to construct grass paver driveways at Burlington Lane, CCLT’s 14-unit community under construction on Fuller Road in Milwaukie. Grass pavers act as an impervious surface for rainwater, preventing driveway runoff from flowing into the stormwater system. The grass pavers are part of a stormwater management system at Burlington Lane that will keep as much rainwater as possible out of the surrounding watershed. The 2- and 3-bedroom homes will also feature rain gardens and soakage trenches for roof runoff to promote rainwater management onsite.

CCLT builds new homes and renovates existing homes that are sold to low and moderate income buyers. The land trust concept makes home ownership affordable by retaining ownership of the land the homes are built on, thus eliminating the cost of the land from the home purchase price. Homes are resold at reasonable prices to ensure their permanent affordability. CCLT homeowners must meet eligibility requirements based primarily on income. Since its inception in 1999, CCLT has built or refurbished 12 homes in Milwaukie and Oregon City.

For more information on the Burlington homes, contact CCLT Homeowner Services Coordinator Loretta Walker or CCLT Program Director Nancy Yuill at 503-654-1007.

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