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## **BottleDrop Customers Help Support Environmentally Focused Education Projects**

*Students head back to school with newly announced funding for special programs*

Clackamas, Ore. -- The [Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative](#) (OBRC), parent organization to [BottleDrop](#), announced a total of \$10,000 in grant donations to help fund environmental or recycling education projects and programs in schools across the state. The donations, generated through BottleDrop's Containers for Change program, were awarded to 13 projects in 10 communities across the state with donation amounts ranging from one hundred to one thousand dollars.

"These grants will help engage students across Oregon to be stewards for our environment in unique ways," said Eric Chambers, OBRC's external relations director. "We're thrilled to be able to partner with so many incredible local organizations to help get the school year off to a great start."

BottleDrop's Containers for Change program provides Oregonians with an easy way to donate funds from their bottles and cans to nonprofits operating in communities around the state. BottleDrop customers can participate by simply leaving their bag tag stickers off of their Green Bags and dropping them off at any BottleDrop facility.

"The GPHS Garden Club is restoring the garden at Grants Pass High School to promote a healthy community culture and bring beauty to the campus," says grant recipient Stefanie Carini, special education teacher & GPHS Garden Club advisor. "With this grant and with much gratitude, we will be able to continue our restoration project, expand our club activities to further help the environment and have a positive impact here at Grants Pass High School and beyond."

BottleDrop customers can visit [bottledropcenters.com/containersforchange/](https://bottledropcenters.com/containersforchange/) to learn more about this program, and how they can use their beverage containers to support excellent nonprofits, foundations and advocacy organizations in Oregon.

A full list of grant winners is included below:

- **Greater Albany Public SD SWARM Robotics Team 957, Albany** - “Recycling” project focused on purchasing recycling receptacles to use at school and outreach events
- **Brothers Elementary PTO, Brothers** - “Recycling” project focused on printing signage and purchasing recycling receptacles for a Hwy 20 rest stop
- **Central Point Elementary PTO, Central Point** - “Plastic Recycling” project focused on purchasing a plastics shredder to teach students about recycling and create items for fundraising
- **Grants Pass High School Garden Club, Grants Pass** - “Restoration” project focused on restoring the school’s garden
- **Mari-Linn School, Lyons** - “Greenhouse” project focused on supporting the school’s greenhouse and garden
- **Monument School District #8, Monument** - “Recycling” project focused on purchasing materials and supplies for the construction class to build storage for bottles and cans
- **Philomath PTO, Philomath** - “Blue Bag” project focused on building a lockable space for Blue Bags at two area schools to assist families in recycling
- **Girl Scout Troop #10468, Portland** - “Take Action” project focusing on teaching kids to make crafts out of recycled items
- **Harrison Park School, Portland** - “Recycling” project focused on purchasing recycling supplies and signage created by students
- **St. John’s Swapnplay, Portland** - “Trading Post” project focused on revamping a community-sharing resource for low- and moderate-income families
- **Crook County School District NJROTC, Prineville** - “Litter Cleanup” project focused on purchasing supplies and equipment for community litter cleanups
- **Central Oregon Autism Movement, Redmond** - “Litter Cleanup” projects focused on recycling activities and litter pickup in local parks
- **Adventure! Children’s Museum, Springfield** - “Sustainable Village” project focused on making improvements to the exhibit

#### **About OBRC**

*The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) is the industry steward of Oregon’s nationally recognized beverage container redemption system and operator of the BottleDrop network. Headquartered in Clackamas, Ore., OBRC is a statewide, not-for-profit cooperative, formed by the beverage industry to serve as the operational steward of Oregon’s Bottle Bill. OBRC helps keep Oregon beautiful by providing outstanding services to partners, distributors, retailers and the public for the recovery, reuse, and recycling of beverage containers. Through OBRC’s BottleDrop Redemption Centers and container pickup service for more than 2,000 retail partners, the co-op recycles nearly two billion beverage containers annually, protecting the Oregon we love, supporting the causes we cherish, and inspiring innovation beyond our borders – all without any taxpayer funding. To learn more, visit [BottleDropCenters.com](http://BottleDropCenters.com) or [OBRC.com](http://OBRC.com).*