

Rural Organizing Project

Fostering Rural Leadership



150 rural community leaders from 27 counties came together in Woodburn for our 33rd annual Rural Caucus and Strategy Session, where we celebrated our movement history with longtime partners Capaces Leadership Institute and PCUN, Oregon's farmworker union.



After training nearly 200 people in Strategic Messaging 101, **we launched the Rural Roots Rising Communications Cohort** to help leaders deepen their skills and support one another in media creation.

ROP partnered with Hood River Latino Network to open the Immigrant Help Center in Hood River!



Advancing Democracy



In Deschutes County, local organizers and ROP jumped into action to prevent election interference by People's Rights, a far-right paramilitary organization, during the May primary. Across the state, groups talked to their neighbors about the issues, opposed threats and intimidation, and spread information about the Our Vote election protection hotline.

ROP hosted 14 Defend Democracy Living Room Conversations with participants representing 20 counties. One Josephine County participant reflected:

"One of the biggest things that happened is that ROP named some pillars of democracy and asked what we are already doing to protect democracy, and then we did some visualizations into the future, and I found I had so many more ideas and thoughts and there was a different quality to the conversation than me at home listening to the news [...]"

In the 2024 legislative session, groups in every region of the state organized with their neighbors to pass powerful bills, including investments in Employment Related Day Care (ERDC), homelessness prevention, and restorative justice.

25,000

STAND (Small Town Actions for New Democracy) Election Guides were distributed in all 36 Oregon counties.



Joy & Dignity for All

We're reaching more people than ever with Know Your Rights information and resources in their native languages using our Facebook pages, "Hood River Latino Network" and "Proyecto de Organización Rural", which shares videos in Mam.

The Mam community is one of the most targeted for detention and deportation in the state.



Rural leaders centered joy and community building in their organizing to connect with their neighbors and help keep temperatures low during election season. Human Dignity Groups hosted Prides and Juneteenths, fair booth games, and summer festivals.



Dozens of groups across rural Oregon rallied, lobbied, fundraised, and organized to demand a ceasefire in Gaza, reproductive rights, and more!

ROP supported **52** Oregonians in accessing the Oregon Worker Relief Fund.



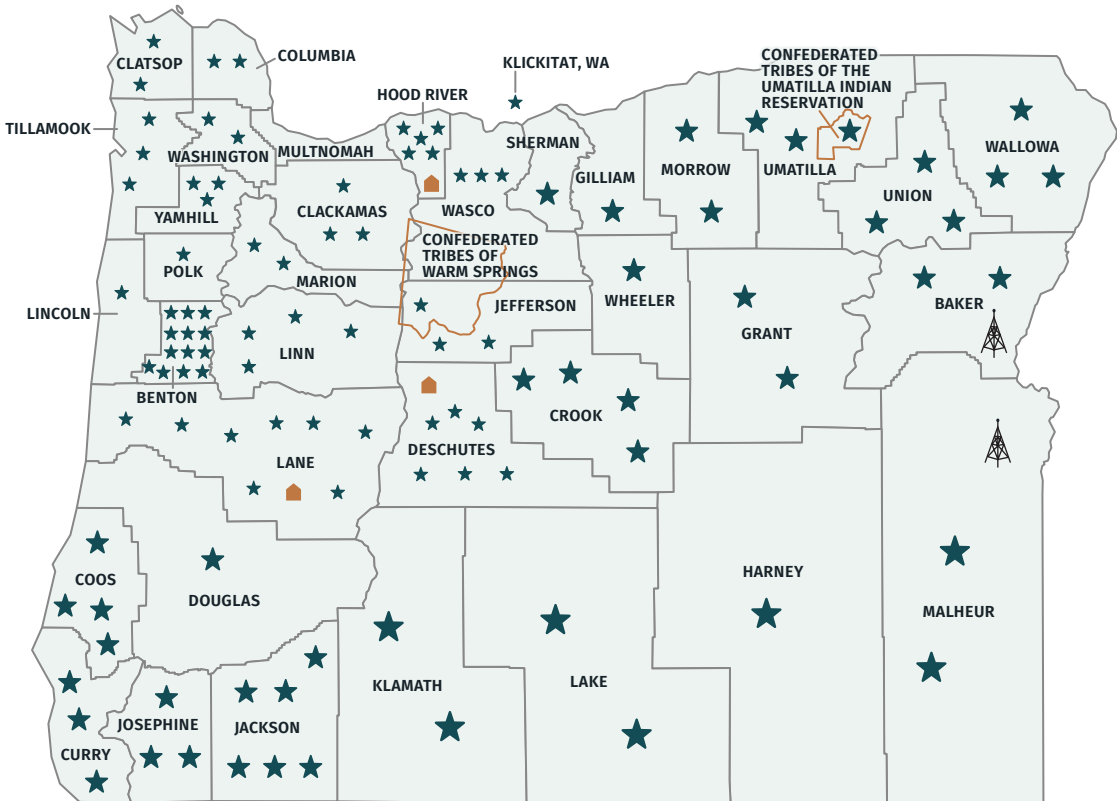
ROP won our lawsuit against the city of Cottage Grove for breaking state sanctuary laws by illegally collaborating with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).



Who is Rural Organizing Project?

More than **90 Human Dignity Groups** and thousands of community leaders working together to advance democracy in small-town and rural Oregon.

-  Human Dignity Group
-  Community Center/Staff Office
-  Member Radio Station



- BAKER**
Baker Community Justice Project
Baker Radio: KBZR
Panhandle 4 Pioneer Rail
- BENTON**
Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism
Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center and Street Outreach Response Team (SORT)
Corvallis Latin America Solidarity Committee
First United Methodist Church Ministry Teams for Human Rights and Environmental Care
Linn-Benton Greens
Linn Benton NAACP
Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates
Mid-Valley Solidarity Coalition
Our Revolution Corvallis Allies
Race Matters, First Congregational UCC
Stop the Sweeps
Sunrise Corvallis
Veterans For Peace, Linus Pauling Chapter 132
- CLACKAMAS**
Bridging Cultures
Clackamas DSA
Indivisible Clackamas
- CLATSOP**
Columbia Pacific Alliance for Social Justice
Indivisible North Coast Oregon

★ Human Dignity Group Award Winner

- COLUMBIA**
Columbia County Coalition for Human Dignity
Vernonia Equality & Racial Justice
- CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS**
Central Oregon for a Free Palestine
- COOS**
★ Bandon Inclusivity Group
Human Rights Advocates of Coos County
South Coast Equity Coalition
Southern Oregon Coast Pride
- CROOK**
Human Dignity Advocates of Crook County
Latino Community Association
PFLAG Prineville
Stop the Abuse
- CURRY**
Indivisible North Curry County
South Coast Equity Coalition
Southern Oregon Coast Pride
- DESCHUTES**
Bend Equity Project
Central Oregon for a Free Palestine
Indivisible Sisters
Latino Community Association
PFLAG Central Oregon
Redmond Collective Action
- DOUGLAS**
Umpqua Valley Rainbow Collective
- GILLIAM**
Rural Voices

- GRANT**
Grant County Positive Action
Oregon Together
- HARNEY**
Rural Alliance for Diversity
- HOOD RIVER**
Columbia Gorge Women's Action Network
Gorge Ecumenical Ministries/Somos Uno
★ Gorge ICE Resistance and Rapid Response
Hood River Latino Network
NORCOR Community Resource Coalition
- JACKSON**
Ashland Together
Peace House
Rogue Action Center
Southern Oregon Jobs with Justice
Southern Oregon Peace Vets
Truth to Power
- JEFFERSON**
Jefferson Positive Action Group
Latino Community Association
- JOSEPHINE**
Rainbow Club Rogue Community College (RCC)
Takilma March for Palestine
Unitarian Universalists of Grants Pass Social Action Team
- KLAMATH**
Friends of the Klamath County Library
Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT)
Students for Justice in Palestine

- Klickitat, WA**
Columbia Gorge Women's Action Network
- LAKE**
Indivisible Lake County
Outback Voices
- LANE**
Church Women United
Community Alliance of Lane County
Deadwood Resists
Florence Indivisible
Florence ORganizes (FOR)
Health Care for all Oregon (HCAO) Lane County Chapter
Springfield-Eugene Showing up for Racial Justice (SURJ)
The Cottage Grove Blackberry Pie Society
- LINCOLN**
Acompañar
- LINN**
Albany Peace Seekers
Linn-Benton Greens
Linn Benton NAACP
Mid-Valley Solidarity Coalition
- MALHEUR**
★ Four Rivers Community Radio
Four Rivers Welcome Center
One Community, All Spirits
- MARION**
Oregon State Hospital
Museum of Mental Health
Silverton Progressives
- MORROW**
Oregon Rural Action
Rural Voices
- POLK**
Polk Folks for Human Dignity

- SHERMAN**
Rural Voices
- TILLAMOOK**
Advocates for Reproductive Choice
North Coast Communities for Watershed Protection
Tillamook Democracy Project and Campaign School
- UMATILLA**
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Youth Leadership Council
Oregon Rural Action
Pendleton Community Action Coalition
- UNION**
Oregon Rural Action
Oregon Together
Union County Progressives
- WALLOWA**
Oregon Together
★ People Like Us
Postcardia/Higher Ground
- WASCO**
★ Gorge ICE Resistance and Rapid Response
NORCOR Community Resource Coalition
Protect Oregon's Progress/The Dalles Indivisible
- WASHINGTON**
Adelante Mujeres
Western WashCo for Racial Justice
- WHEELER**
Rural Voices
- YAMHILL**
Progressive Yamhill
Unidos Bridging Community
Yamhill Peace and Justice



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