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RICK LEVINE

Rick Levine is considered by many to be the Pacific Northwest's most senior and successful grant writer. During the past 30 years he has worked for and with regional foundations in a variety of capacities, including writing foundation guides, reviewing grant requests, developing application forms and materials, and creating grant request evaluation processes.

Rick also pioneered the design and development of intensive training opportunities for grant writers in Portland. At the start, in collaboration with the Oregon Community Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust, Rick was the first to offer comprehensive grant writing workshops geared toward nonprofit professionals. Later, Rick took these workshops to all corners of Oregon, including several that were sponsored by US Bank and the Oregon Community Foundation.

Over the decades, trustees and program officers from every major funding institution—M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Collins Foundation, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, Northwest Health Foundation, to name just a few—have participated as co-presenters and panelists at Rick's workshops. In the process, Rick has trained over 10,000 grant seekers.

In addition to his expert abilities as a grant writer and trainer, Rick authored the first two editions of *The Guide to Oregon Foundations*, a model for state foundation guides across the country.

ELI LEVINE

Born and raised in Northeast Portland, Eli Levine has been a full-time independent grant writing consultant for 10 years, serving over 30 nonprofits across the state of Oregon.

With a focus on developing successful, sustainable, capacity-building strategies, Eli has worked on numerous capital campaigns, direct service programs, and collective impact projects for organizations such as Friends of the Children, New Avenues for Youth, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, Camp Fire USA, United Way of the Columbia Willamette, "I Have a Dream" Oregon, Serendipity Center, and Friends of Creston Children's Dental Clinic. In total, he has helped raise over \$14 million in grants that have catalyzed critical improvements within our communities.

Eli completed his bachelor's degree in Spanish and International Community Development from the University of Oregon, and he currently lives with his wife and two children in the same neighborhood where he grew up.