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Clackamas Workforce Partnership Hires Community Liaison & Outreach Coordinator

OREGON CITY, OR. (February 6, 2018) Clackamas Workforce Partnership is pleased to announce the hiring of Jonathan Morales as our Community Liaison & Outreach Coordinator funded in part by the 2018 grant through the Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) for our equity and inclusion work in Clackamas County.

Jonathan Morales moved to Portland, Oregon from New York City to pursue a Master of Urban & Regional Planning degree at Portland State University, graduating in June 2017. Jonathan has a professional background in land use planning, housing policy and code development, in addition to experience working on green workforce development/policy for marginalized communities. He is interested in the intersections of urban planning and workforce development, specifically how lack of access to job opportunities, housing unaffordability, transportation access, and food insecurity all play a part in creating an inequitable reality for so many people.

The goal of this newly created position is to leverage the MMT grant funds to build our own capacity to provide equitable and inclusive programs; develop a comprehensive equity plan to guide our internal operations; and strengthen our partnerships with the communities we serve in Clackamas County. Our program's strategy will be to serve communities of color in Clackamas County, low income individuals, people with disabilities, people with mental health challenges, veterans, older adults, people who have been incarcerated, English language learners and youth.

In this role, Jonathan will help guide our community engagement efforts and internal change processes by developing an equity lens, building new partnerships, and recruiting and facilitating the Equity Council, our diversity, equity, and inclusion community workgroup.

The **Clackamas Workforce Partnership** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a strong workforce in Clackamas County. We are responsible for bringing public and private partners together, in the workforce system, to support the local workforce and meet the employment needs of businesses. Our mission is to address critical workforce, educational, and training challenges, and develop a skilled workforce that meets the needs of businesses and strengthens the local economy of Clackamas County. More information can be found on our website www.clackamasworkforce.org.

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