

Outride announces new grants to youth cycling programs in the U.S. to Pedal Communities Forward

Morgan Hill, Cali., May 25, 2023 – Outride announces new grants to 39 cycling organizations across the United States today.

Outride has grown its investment to nearly \$2M dollars and expanded its support to include 212 community cycling projects across the US in over 40 states, including 22 new partners in this round.

Further, the Outride Fund moved to providing direct community grants. Organizations were no longer required to contribute 1:1 matching funds, providing partners more time to focus on the incredible work they are doing, and generate the greatest impact in communities across the country.

"We wanted to shift from matching grants to direct grants to simplify the process and make the grant more accessible to more organizations. Additionally, we were acting on feedback from previous grantees that wanted funds quicker and with less hurdles," stated Chazz Robinson, Outride Fund program manager.

Here is a snapshot of some of our newly added Outride Fund grantees:

## Arizona Trail Association (GRO Girl GRO) - Tucson, Arizona

The mission of GRO girl GRO is to create space for girls in 4th - 8th grade to give back to the community, demonstrate responsibility, and take ownership by gathering and recreating outdoors. This will be accomplished through a variety of activities including: mountain biking; hiking and/or trail running; trail advocacy and stewardship; and active reflection. GRO girl GRO will increase the number of girls in 4th - 8th grades in Tucson and surrounding areas who wish to become athletes and outdoor leaders

## Dare2Tri - Chicago, Illinois

Providing cycling programs to individuals with physical or visual disabilities so they can enjoy the many benefits of cycling.Dare2Tri provides opportunities, adaptive equipment, and transformative experiences for a wide range of adaptive athletes, especially those with limited or no experience with cycling.

## Star Track Cycling - New York, New York

NYC's only youth track cycling program empowers kids from under-resourced communities and provides the opportunity to join a competitive cycling team.

Outride Fund grants are unrestricted, supporting everything from staffing and operational costs to direct program fees, scholarships, and equipment. The grant operates on an annual cycle with the only reporting requirement being an impact survey at the end of one year grant cycle.



"The Outride Fund meets a unique demand in the philanthropic space by providing unrestricted grants to a broad range of youth cycling initiatives," added Robinson. "The impact we're seeking is an acceleration of a wide variety of pathways for more youth, especially those from low-income backgrounds and under-resourced communities, to get on bikes and experience the life-changing benefits of cycling. That's why we're investing in projects ranging from earn-a-bike programs to adaptive cycling clinics all across the country."

Outride welcomes collaboration and participation with all companies and industry partners, individual donors, and foundations who share the goal of advancing inclusive and community-driven youth cycling programs.

## About Outride

<u>Outride</u> is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering communities' cognitive, socio-emotional, and mental well-being through research, school-based cycling programs, and community grants. At Outride, we believe in the power of cycling to transform lives. We envision a world where billions of people use cycling to improve the well-being of their communities. Outride has a direct focus on expanding opportunities to access the benefits of cycling, partnering with programs that intentionally work to provide the social, emotional, and cognitive health benefits of cycling to underrepresented demographic groups.

Learn more at outridebike.org

### Congratulations to all the 2023 Outride Fund Partners:

- Adventure For All Corporation, Sarasota, Florida
- Arizona Trail Association, Tucson, Arizona
- Bayless Schools, Saint Louis, Missouri
- Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- California Field School, Santa Cruz, California
- Charlottesville Community Bikes. Charlottesville, Virginia
- City Year @ JHS 218 Brooklyn, New York
- Community Bike Project Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska
- Community Cycling Center, Portland, Oregon
- Cycle Movement, Centennial, Colorado
- Cycles of Change, Oakland, California
- Dare2tri, Chicago, Illinois
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, North Bend, Washington
- Flagstaff Youth Riders Inc., FLYRS, Flagstaff, Arizona
- Freewheelin' Community Bikes, Indianapolis, z Indiana
- Friends of Momentum Bike Clubs, Greenville, South Carolina
- Heartland Alliance International, Chicago, Illinois

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- High Desert DEVO, Inc, Cortez, Colorado
- Hillside Middle School, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Live In Peace, Inc., East Palo Alto, California
- Lost Sierra Mountain Bike Team, Quincy, California
- Mainland Regional High School, Linwood, New Jersey
- Mile High 360, Denver, Colorado
- Pedal Power MN, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Pennsylvania Downtown Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Ride Up Grades, Inc, Brooklyn, New York
- San Diego VeloYouth (Quality of Life Connections dba Bonita, California)
- San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, San Francisco, California
- Sitka Conservation Society (the Salty Spoke program) Sitka, Alaska
- Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Santa Rosa, California
- St. Louis Bicycle Works, St. Louis, Missouri
- Star Track Cycling Inc., New York, New York
- Teton Adaptive Sports, Teton Village, Wyoming
- The Cycle Effect, Eagle, Colorado
- The Special Children's Center, Lakewood, New Jersey
- Triangle Bikeworks, Carrboro, North Carolina
- Trips for Kids Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Trips for Kids Marin (DBA Trips for Kids Bay Area), San Rafael, California
- Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, Bangor, Maine