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## **Voqal Invests \$55K to Advance Social Equity and Progressive Change in Oregon**

**Oregon, February 15, 2018**—Voqal is pleased to announce three new grants to organizations working in Oregon to enhance the community and strengthen social equity. The grants of \$30,000 to Common Cause, \$15,000 to the Oregon Progressive Fund and \$10,000 to the Oregon Student Association reflect Voqal’s commitment to support progressive movements for social change.

### **Common Cause**

Common Cause is a nonpartisan public interest group that champions democracy reform by empowering people to have an organized voice in the political process. Voqal’s support will enable Common Cause to strengthen underrepresented leadership and support coalition leadership as it continues to advance campaign finance reform in Portland and statewide.

### **Oregon Progressive Fund**

The Oregon Progressive Fund is working in the Portland area to advance progressive change. The funding received from Voqal will be used to renew, upgrade and maintain the Oregon Progressive Fund’s active subscription to the voter file through the Voter Activation Network (VAN). This access will enable Oregon progressives to advance important progressive policies that will lead to a more socially equitable Oregon for all its citizens.

### **Oregon Student Association**

The Oregon Student Association is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing nonprofit that represents over 130,000 college students. It works to make a quality education more affordable and accessible for all Oregonians. Voqal’s support will enable the Oregon Student Association engage student voters through a non-partisan voter registration drive called the Vote OR Vote program. This program works to register, educate and get students out to vote in Oregon.

“We are proud to support these organizations as they work to build a brighter future for all Oregon residents,” said Voqal President, John Schwartz.

*Voqal is a national collaboration of EBS (Educational Broadband Service) licensees that work to advance social equity by creating an educated and informed public. Voqal provides grants and investments for organizations and individuals, affordable mobile internet and wireless spectrum advocacy. Our efforts center around using media and technology to increase access, community and knowledge.*