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Nonprofits, schools get \$10,000 in PGE grants *Portland* General Electric made grants totaling \$10,252 to 21 *Portland* schools and nonprofits in the second quarter of 2004. The Employee Volunteer Grants, ranging from \$250 to \$500, are awarded to organizations for whom PGE employees volunteer their time. The Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge was awarded a \$30,000 grant by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The money will be used to prepare the refuge for public use. The Oregon Zoo Foundation has received a \$300,000 challenge grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. The grant will enable the zoo to begin the second phase of its condor breeding program. The University of *Portland* received a \$40,000 grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance. The funds will be used to create a course in technology innovation that will focus on biomedical engineering, bioscience and entrepreneurship. A partial list of grants received by the Peninsula Children's Center includes: City of *Portland Children's Investment Fund*, \$113,750 (over two fiscal years); O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, \$80,000 (over two fiscal years); Herbert A. Templeton Foundation, \$12,500; Collins Foundation, \$10,000; Spirit Mountain Community Fund, \$20,000. The remaining 11 grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The second annual Answer to Cancer Race, held Aug. 8 in McMinnville, raised more than \$16,000 for the American Cancer Society, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Hepatitis B Foundation and American Liver Foundation. India Partners, based in Eugene, received a \$50,000 matching grant from the Mission Increase Foundation, Lake Oswego. The money will further the group's Christian relief and development efforts in India.

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