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CITY EXTENDS DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR 2016 BOLD PROGRAM FOR EMERGING IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE LEADERS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton has extended the deadline to apply for the 2016 Beaverton Organizing and Leadership Development (BOLD) program. Interested Beaverton residents may apply until Friday, March 4.

BOLD is a free leadership and civic engagement training, offered by the city and the Center for Intercultural Organizing, for emerging immigrant and refugee leaders and leaders of color in Beaverton.

The dates for the 2016 program have been adjusted to March 19, April 16, and May 21. Participants must be available to attend all three eight-hour training dates. English is not a requirement and interpretation can be provided.

BOLD invests in educating and empowering new leaders to get involved and help shape the future of Beaverton. One of the program's goals is to introduce participants to specific ways to become more involved in their community. In 2015, there were 21 graduates from 15 different countries. Many graduates now serve on the city's boards and commissions.

Apply online at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/equity. Applicants must live within Beaverton city boundaries to qualify.

For more information about BOLD or the city's cultural inclusion program, contact Alexis Ball, equity outreach coordinator, at 503-526-2503 or aball@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly**

Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption: Members of BOLD practice giving public testimony during a training in 2015. The City of Beaverton's program provides civic engagement and leadership training for emerging immigrant and refugee leaders and people of color. Applications for the 2016 program are due March 4. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*