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Advantis Credit Union Kicks off \$50,000 GROW Community Fund

*Grants will assist local nonprofits in completing short-term projects
that provide long-term benefits*

Portland, ORE., May 8, 2017 — Grant applications are now being accepted for Advantis Credit Union's seventh annual GROW Community Fund. GROW is a \$50,000 grant fund designed to provide nonprofit organizations with financial resources to address a wide range of needs and tackle challenges in the community, one project at a time.

Since 2011, the GROW Community Fund has provided \$300,000 to local organizations and funded 39 projects throughout Portland including creating an art therapy room for local foster children, improving the freezer system and fruit stands for a local food pantry, and providing books and sensory learning tools for children with learning disabilities.

Local nonprofit and service organizations are invited to submit a grant application for any amount up to \$10,000 at www.advantiscu.org. Applications will be accepted online through June 7. A selection committee will narrow down and identify the projects that provide the most long term benefits to the community. The public will then be invited to vote and determine which projects will receive grant funding. Online voting will begin June 19 and take place on Advantis' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdvantisCU) and the Advantis homepage (www.advantiscu.org).

The 2017 GROW grant recipients will be announced in July.

About Advantis Credit Union

Advantis Credit Union, with more than \$1 billion in assets, is one of Oregon's largest not-for-profit, financial cooperatives. Advantis is locally-owned by over 64,000 members and has six branches in the Portland metro area. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in 23 counties in Oregon, including: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, or Yamhill counties and anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in the state of Washington.

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