



# Create a Commuter Program

## WHAT IS CREATE A COMMUTER?

The Community Cycling Center's Create a Commuter Program provides low-income adults 18 and over who are enrolled in a comprehensive employment program with fully-outfitted commuter bicycles and five hours of training on safe bicycle commuting. The Create a Commuter Program is offered in partnership with local social service organizations. We hold between 10-15 workshops per year, serving up to 200 people annually.

Our Community Cycling Center Shop staff and volunteer bicycle mechanics refurbish new and donated bicycles and outfit them with everything a daily bicycle commuter would need: fenders, front and rear lights, locks, pumps, patch kits, tools, and racks. Participants are required to take part in a five-hour workshop to learn basic bike safety and maintenance. After successfully completing the workshop, participants leave with a fully-equipped bicycle, a helmet, and a packet of helpful information for bicycle riding and commuting.

## PARTICIPANTS:

1. Must be enrolled in a workforce development program at one of our partner social service organizations.
2. Cannot earn more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines<sup>1</sup>
3. Must be over 18 years of age
4. Must reside in the Portland Metro Area
5. Must be able to ride a bike
6. Must commit to using a bike as a main form of transportation
7. Must register through their employment specialist at one of our partner agencies
8. Must NOT currently own a bicycle



## I MEET THE REQUIREMENTS! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Only our partner social service agencies can enroll you in this program. Please do not contact the Community Cycling Center directly.

## WHO ARE YOUR PARTNER AGENCIES?

Please refer to our website for our current list of partner agencies:

<http://www.communitycyclingcenter.org/index.php/programs-for-adults/create-a-commuter/s>

## WHAT IF I AM NOT ENROLLED IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OR I CAN'T WORK? CAN I SIGN MYSELF UP?

Unfortunately we are only able to work with workforce development programs. If you have a bicycle that needs lots of work, we recommend going to the Bike Farm for free repairs – [www.bikefarm.org](http://www.bikefarm.org)

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<sup>1</sup> \$16,245 annually for a single member household. See <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>.

*The bicycle is a tool for empowerment and a vehicle for change*

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