The Community Land Trust
Proud Ground operates the largest Community Land Trust in the Pacific North West. Proud Ground has used its Community Land Trust (CLT) to ensure over 300 homes stay permanently affordable for first-time homebuyers throughout Oregon and SW Washington. In its CLT, Proud Ground homeowners own their home through a traditional mortgage and Proud Ground owns the land beneath the home, leasing it back to the homeowner through a 99-year, renewable land lease. The land lease agreement ensures that the homeowner and Proud Ground commit to resale guidelines of long term affordability, owner occupancy, and maintenance of the home. If the home resells, Proud Ground’s homeowners receive a fair return on their initial investment and agree to maintain affordability for the next homebuyer. While still building wealth, Proud Ground homeowners help future generations of homebuyers have access to affordable homes, just like they did. Using this shared-equity model, the original down-payment assistance stays in the home maintains it affordability at no additional cost to the next income-qualified homeowner.

The Hub and Spoke Program
As a leader among CLTs, Proud Ground has the skillset and resources to provide its CLT to other non-profit organizations. In Proud Ground’s Hub and Spoke program, Proud Ground acts as the ‘hub’, providing its established CLT, necessary managing documents, and administrative infrastructure to ‘spokes’ through memorandums of understanding. ‘Spokes’ pay to use Proud Ground’s CLT, ensuring permanent affordability of the spoke’s units. ‘Spokes’ can choose:

- **Full Partnership** – Permanently incorporating all units into Proud Ground’s CLT. *Current full partners include Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East*

- **Partial Partnership** – Organizations that are not Community land Trusts can receive technical assistance from Proud Ground to utilize a land leased model of homeownership to ensure permanent affordability and/or meet funder requirements. *Current partial partners include Habitat for Humanity Oregon and their affiliates*

- **Fee for Service** – Established CLT’s can access templates for a fee, including legal agreement templates, or education and counseling or real estate brokerage services.

**Contact**
To learn more about partnering, visit https://proudground.org/hub-and-spoke-partners/ or contact Proud Ground’s Executive Director, Diane Linn, at dianelinn@proudground.org.