



# Metro Central Community Enhancement Grants

*Do you have ideas about how to enhance your community?*

A Metro Central Enhancement grant could help make your vision a reality. Metro created these grants more than 20 years ago to enhance neighborhoods located near the Metro Central transfer facility. They are designed to support residents within an area that stretches along the west side of the Willamette River from the Northwest District Neighborhood Association to Linnton, as well as an area around the St. Johns Bridge within North Portland's Cathedral Park neighborhood.

## Timeline

**Applications are due Friday, Sept. 17, 2021 at midnight.** Proposals must be submitted via Zoom Grants. The Metro Central Enhancement Committee will review the grant applications and make a funding decision by the end of the year. Grant funds are available January 2022.

## Funding available

During the 2022 grant cycle approximately \$300,000 is available for grants benefiting Northwest Portland.

## Funding requests

Grants up to \$50,000 have been awarded. Grants requesting 12, 18 or 24 months to complete will be considered. Grant terms run on a calendar year basis with programs beginning January 1, 2022.

For the previous grant cycle, Metro received 15 applications requesting \$417,659 in funding. The grant review committee approved funding for 9 grant programs and awarded approximately \$300,000 with an average award amount of \$38,500.

## **OPTIONAL GRANT INFO WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2021**

**1 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Hosted virtually via Zoom**

**[REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)**

Contact [Eric.Crandall@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Eric.Crandall@oregonmetro.gov) for more workshop information or to be added to the mailing list.



*The Forest Park Conservancy used their grant money to provide a workforce development program in green-jobs for communities who have traditionally been unrepresented in this field of work.*

## **For more information**

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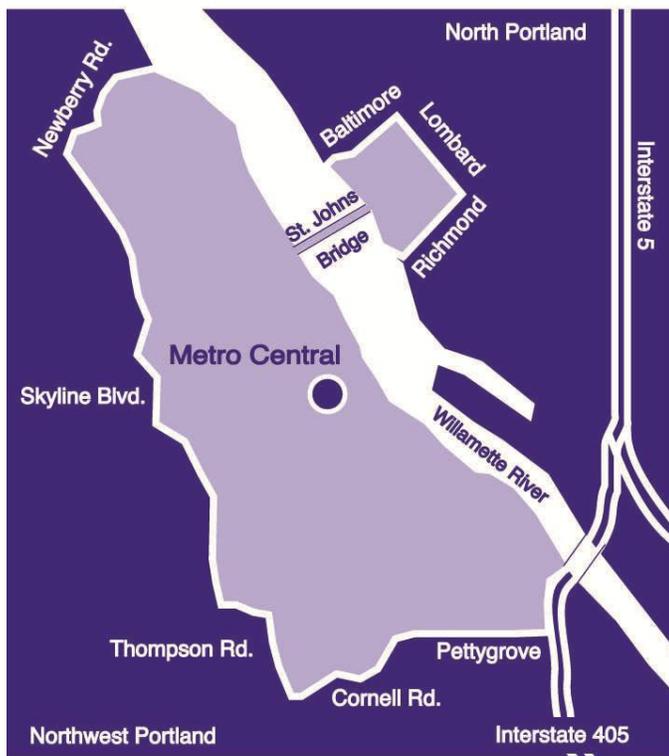
Visit [oregonmetro.gov/metrocentralgrants](https://oregonmetro.gov/metrocentralgrants) to download the handbook and application.

**Translation and interpretive services are available upon request at no cost to you.**

## Who may apply?

Individuals, community groups, neighborhoods, nonprofits, schools and school groups, government agencies, faith and service groups with nonprofit or other tax-exempt status.

**Applicants are not required to be physically located in the target area but programs must benefit the residents within it.**



## Metro Central Community Enhancement Grants (Northwest Portland)

Funded by a surcharge on waste at the Metro Central Transfer Station, located off of Highway 30 in Northwest Portland, Metro Central Enhancement Grants benefit the neighborhoods of Forest Park, Cathedral Park and Linnton; the Northwest District Association, the Northwest Industrial Area and an area directly adjacent to the St. Johns Bridge.

Apply in summer 2021 for 2022 grants. To receive future Enhancement Grant notices, contact Eric Crandall at [Eric.Crandall@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Eric.Crandall@oregonmetro.gov).

## What types of projects get funded?

Successful proposals strongly meeting at least one of the following community needs:

- **Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations.**
- **Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community**
- **Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste**
- **Increase reuse and recycling opportunities**
- **Rehabilitate or upgrade real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization**
- **Preserve or enhance wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.**
- **Improve or increase recreational areas and programs**
- **Improve safety**

## Metro Central Enhancement Committee

Each year committee members help solicit and review grant applications, and fund a slate of neighborhood improvement projects that benefit Northwest Portland.

- Councilor Mary Nolan, Chair, Metro
- Susan Andrews, Forest Park Neighborhood Assoc.
- Barbara Erlich, Friends of Cathedral Park
- Kelly Stevens, Linnton Neighborhood Assoc.
- Derron Coles, NW Business Representative
- Candice Jimenez, Environmental Community
- Vacant, NW District Association

Members must be confirmed by the Metro Council and serve a two-year term. Neighborhood Association representatives must live within the boundary of their respective neighborhood, with the exception of the committee's business and environmental representatives.