



2019 Metro Central Community Enhancement grants make a difference

Funded by a \$1 surcharge on each ton of waste at the Metro Central Transfer Station, located off of Highway 30 in Northwest Portland, these grants benefit the neighborhoods of Forest Park, Cathedral Park and Linnton; the Northwest District Association and the Northwest Industrial Area; and an area directly adjacent to the St. Johns Bridge. A committee of local residents review and select projects to fund. The Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee approved funding for 13 projects for 2019 grants, awarding a total of \$296,300. Project duration is one year unless otherwise noted.

- [Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association \(CPNA\)](#): \$20,000 for the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association to commission local artist, Ivan McClean, to install a public art piece that will enhance the local community. CPNA proposes installing a 'Lochness monster' within their neighborhood, providing the illusion of a 'lochness monster' rising from the Willamette River under the St. John's Bridge.
- [PPS Chapman Elementary School](#): \$22,000 to support Reading Results, a program which provides a proven reading intervention program to first, second, and third grade students who are reading one to two grades below grade level
- [Community Alliance of Tenants](#): (CAT): \$30,000 for Low Income Tenant Power, to continue to support expansion of CAT's tenant education, empowerment and engagement services in NW Portland.
- [Forest Park Conservancy](#): \$30,000 for the Forest Park Conservancy to partner with local neighborhood associations and government agencies to create 'Firewise' Communities, a nationally accredited program that will help reduce the risk of fire, improve wildlife habitat and help protect communities.
- [Friendly House](#): \$35,000 for the Community Services Senior Program which supports older adults (with an emphasis on low income and under-served populations, including LGBTQ people) to live active, independent lives, with dignity, in the settings of their choice.
- [Jazz Society of Oregon](#): \$2,500 to sponsor the 2019 Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, a free, three-day concert in mid-July held at the base of the St. Johns Bridge in the Cathedral Park neighborhood of Portland.
- [Linnton Community Center](#): \$50,000 to develop a space that will provide community leaders a place to share both skill and knowledge via project based activities. This new program is aimed to connect different generations together to pass down critical skills and lessons to future generations while also strengthening their community.
- [Meals on Wheels People](#): \$10,000 for the North Portland Meals on Wheels to provide hot, nutritious meals to seniors in need. The Elm Court Center serves approximately 100,000 meals annually, providing delivery services to those who reside within isolated locations near Skyline Boulevard and Cornell Road
- [Portland Festival Symphony](#): \$2,500 to sponsor the 2019 Portland Festival Symphony in Cathedral Park, free concert with a full orchestra in Cathedral Park in August 2019 which introduces children and families to classical music.

- [Portland Harbor Community Coalition](#): \$30,000 for the Portland Harbor Community Coalition (PHCC) to conduct focused outreach on community members who are greatly impacted by current and historical biohazards found in the beach, sediments and wildlife. PHCC will expand their outreach within the local community for volunteers to aid the cleanup and restoration of Cathedral Park.
- [Rebuilding Together Portland](#): \$4,500 to support the annual cleanup and repair of John's Community Garden and Pier Park. This yearly effort maintains for safety, appearance and cleanliness of St. John's Neighborhood while providing members a chance to make a connection within the community.
- [St. Johns Food Share](#): \$24,800 for St. John's Food Share to construct a cool storage room. This project will stave off the preventable waste of food stuffs stored in their warehouse and out of the waste stream while feeding those in need along with providing recycling options for their containers.
- [Store to Door](#): \$35,000 to provide Portland area seniors, and people with disabilities with affordable, volunteer-based grocery shopping and delivery service to their door. Expanding these efforts throughout the Portland community will foster independent living for its recipients while increasing social supports and providing access to low-cost or no-cost services

About the Metro Central Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program

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The Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee is comprised of representatives from four neighborhood associations and two other representatives from the community. The Metro Councilor from District 5, Sam Chase, serves as chair.



Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee members

Sam Chase – Committee Chair
 Candice Jimenez – Environmental Community
 Susan Andrews – Forest Park Neighborhood Assoc.
 Billy Prince – Friends of Cathedral Park
 Kelly Stevens – Linnton Neighborhood Representative
 John Spencer – Northwest District Assoc.
 Derron Coles – Northwest Business Representative

The Metro Central Community Enhancement Grant program is one of eight grant programs in Metro's Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program which give a boost to neighborhoods affected by garbage transfer facilities. For more information visit www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-enhancement-grants.