



Parks and Nature Community Partnerships: Co-created community partnerships

Would you like to build your community's capacity and create more welcoming parks and natural areas in the greater Portland region? Team up with Metro staff to co-create ways to make Metro Parks and Nature more welcoming and work together to advance goals of the Parks and Nature Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. Find out if co-created community partnerships are right for you.

Who are the funds for?

These funds are intended to support collaboration between community-based organizations and Metro Parks and Nature. Community-based organizations led by and for people of color¹ will be eligible for funding.

What are the funds for?

These funds are for co-created partnerships that explore ways to make Metro parks and natural areas more welcoming and advance goals of the Parks and Nature Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. Partnerships will be co-developed with community partners and Metro staff.

How much funding is available?

\$120,000 per year is allocated for co-created partnerships. This funding will be distributed among all co-created partnerships in the Parks and Nature department. The intention is for co-created partnerships to span multiple years, and to be assessed annually. Up to \$30,000 will be available per partner.

¹ Metro shares the Coalition for Communities of Color recognition of the following communities of color: African, African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latinx, Middle Eastern and North African, Native American and Slavic. Metro includes groups that serve a multi-cultural community comprised primarily of members of the groups listed above.

Minimum requirements

- Activities must take place at or benefit operation of a Metro park or natural area.
- Funding is for organizations led by and for people of color.²
- Partnerships must align with the 2013 Parks and Natural Areas levy goal to: *Increase opportunities for communities of color to experience nature at Metro parks and natural areas* and advance at least one of the [Parks and Nature Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan](#) actions.
- Partnerships must include activities with elements that can be tracked and reported (# of attendees, etc.)
- If your group is not a 501(c) 3 nonprofit, you must have a fiscal sponsor that is one. The fiscal sponsor will submit the invoice and receive the funds on your behalf. They will be responsible for the proper use, accounting and reporting of the funds. If your sponsor charges a fee, you can include that fee in your budget.

What is the process to become a partner?

During the summer of 2019, Metro staff will be working with the Parks and Nature Equity Advisory Committee to determine transparent and equitable processes to identify partnership opportunities and select partners for those opportunities.

What's the time line?

Funding for co-created community partnerships will be available by the winter of 2020. The partnership teams will work together to create the project time line and budget for each specific partnership.

What do I need to report?

Partnership teams will co-determine measurements, reporting and mechanisms.

Where do the funds come from?

In 2013 and 2016, voters across the region approved a Parks and Natural Areas Levy to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and create opportunities to enjoy nature close to home. This levy includes funding for a Parks and Nature community partnerships program that supports communities of color in building capacity and connecting people with nature at Metro parks and natural areas. There are four community partnership program areas: co-created community partnerships, sponsorships for community-led activities, support to participate in activities led by Metro staff, and partnership innovation funds.

Who do I call if I have questions?

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² See note 1.