



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. In 2017, the Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee approved funding for 11 projects for 2017 grants, awarding a total of \$259,225. Project duration is one year unless otherwise noted.

- [Community Alliance of Tenants](#): \$48,000 to support expansion of CAT's tenant education, empowerment and engagement services in NW Portland.
- [Community Vision](#): \$25,000 to support Our Home, an inclusive co-housing-inspired community in the Cathedral Park neighborhood of St. Johns for families experiencing disability. Funding supports professional services for project design.
- [Forest Park Conservancy](#): \$7,432 to support the Forest Park Youth Volunteer Crew Leader Program to develop the next generation of stewards of Forest Park.
- [Friendly House](#): \$23,000 to support building improvements including exterior paint and \$30,000 to support Community Services for Seniors supports older adults (with an emphasis on low income and under-served populations, including LGBT people) to live active, independent lives, with dignity, in the settings of their choice. Our experienced case managers provide a full range of holistic, compassionate, and responsive community-based services.
- [Hand2Mouth Theater](#): \$11,500 to support a three-week run of Berlin Diary, a new play by Andrea Stolowitz in association with Coho Theatre in Northwest Portland (April 13-30, 2017). The project also included community conversations with audiences about Holocaust survival, diaspora and family displacement and to create a wider conversation about the lessons to be learned from the past that can help guide us today.
- [Linnton Community Center](#): \$42,243 for the construction of a community workshop (The Linnton Toolbox). This space will become the home of technical projects that teach practical life skills and build community for younger residents of the Linnton neighborhood.
- [Meals on Wheels People](#): \$10,000 to provide daily hot meals to elders served by the Elm Court Center in Portland, and home meal deliveries to 70,000 homebound elders, approximately 2/3 of whom reside in the Metro Central Community Enhancement Program target area.
- [PPS Chapman Elementary School](#): \$19,000 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.
- [Sauvie Island Center](#): \$14,050 to support STEM on the Farm, a program for approximately 165 third grade students who attend James John and Chapman Elementary Schools per year (2017-2018).
- [Store to Door](#): \$30,000 to support independent living for Portland area seniors and people with disabilities by providing a low-cost, volunteer-based grocery shopping and delivery service and increase residents served from the Metro Central Community Enhancement Program target area 40 percent over two years (2017-2018).