



Annual Report

FY17-18

Solid Waste Community
Enhancement Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program provides grants to improve economic opportunities, neighborhood livability, public safety, and more in areas near the region's garbage transfer and reload facilities. The purpose of the program is to rehabilitate and enhance the area around eligible solid waste facilities in the Metro region. The program was established by Metro Council in 1986. Since then, Metro has collected and re-invested millions of dollars in communities across the Portland metropolitan area. More information on the program is available on Metro's website, www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-enhancement-grants.

Community Enhancement Fee

Metro's solid waste authority, including the authority to collect an enhancement fee to establish and implement a solid waste community enhancement program, is established under the Oregon Constitution, Oregon Revised Statutes Chapters 268 and 459, and the Metro Charter. The program is guided by Metro Code Chapter 5.06, Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program.

Solid waste facilities in the Metro region that operate as disposal sites, transfer stations, reload facilities, food waste compost facilities, and energy recovery facilities collect an enhancement fee on each ton of putrescible solid waste delivered to the facility. Yard debris reload or composting facilities are not subject to this requirement unless the facility also accepts food scraps with yard debris.

The program originally included one closed landfill (St. Johns landfill in North Portland) and three transfer facilities: Metro Central (NW Portland), Metro South (Oregon City), and Forest Grove transfer station. At inception, each facility subject to the fee collected an enhancement fee of \$.50 per ton. In 2014, Metro Council expanded the program to increase the fee to \$1.00 per ton and apply the fee to all other solid waste facilities established since the community enhancement program was first created.

A system map of solid waste facilities in the Metro region, including those that participate in the Community Enhancement Program, can be found here: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/solid-waste-facilities-map>

Administration

The program is administered by Metro directly or through an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the city or county government where the facility is located. Participating facilities remit enhancement fees to Metro on a monthly basis, which in turn, remits payment to local governments on a quarterly basis.

A Community Enhancement Program Advisory Committee (Committee) is responsible for implementation of each of the local programs. Each committee establishes the enhancement area boundary, creates committee bylaws, develops a process for soliciting and selecting projects, and reviews program budgets. The Metro Councilor for the district where the

facility is located has the option to serve on the community enhancement committee as co-chair, voting member, or non-voting member of the committee. Each committee submits a report of accounts and expenses to Metro for the previous fiscal year by October 1 of each calendar year for tracking purposes.

Participating Facilities and Jurisdictions

In FY 17-18 seven cities and eight facilities participated in the program: Forest Grove, Oregon City, Wilsonville, Sherwood, Troutdale, Portland, and Gresham.

Local jurisdiction	Solid waste facility eligible for Enhancement Fees	Year established	Metro District and Councilor	Councilor Role on Community Enhancement Committee
Oregon City	Metro South Transfer Station	1988	Betty Dominguez ¹ District 2	Committee member
Forest Grove	Forest Grove Transfer Station, Waste Management	1989	Kathryn Harrington ² District 4	Committee co-chair
Portland	Metro Central Transfer Station	1991	Sam Chase District 5	Committee chair
Troutdale	Troutdale Transfer Station, Waste Management	2015	Shirley Craddick District 1	Committee co-chair
Sherwood	Pride Disposal & Recycling	2015	Craig Dirksen District 3	Committee co-chair
Wilsonville	Willamette Resources, Inc. (WRI), Republic Services	2015	Craig Dirksen District 3	Committee member
Portland	Suttle Road Recovery Facility, Recology	2015	Sam Chase District 5	Committee chair
Gresham	Gresham Sanitary Service Transfer Station	2016	Shirley Craddick District 1	Committee co-chair

¹ District 2 Councilor is now Christine Lewis

² District 4 Councilor is now Juan Carlos González

Eligibility and Program Goals

To be considered for Community Enhancement Program funding, projects must meet the following eligibility criteria and at least one of the goals listed below.

Eligibility criteria

1. The project must be located in the solid waste community enhancement area boundary, as specified by the solid waste community enhancement committee, or the project must benefit individuals or programs located inside the solid waste community enhancement area boundary.
2. The project applicant must be:
 - a. A non-profit organization, including but not limited to a neighborhood association or charitable organization with 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Service; or
 - b. A local government, local government advisory committee, department, or special district, provided that it includes documented support from the local government executive officer.
3. The project must not be used to replace any other readily available source of federal, state, local or regional funds.
4. The project must not promote or inhibit religion.
5. The project must not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation.
6. If the project is located on private land, the project application must establish a clear public benefit and must document landowner permission.

Program goals

1. Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community.
2. Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forestlands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
4. Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste.
5. Increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
6. Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs. Result in improvement in safety.
7. Benefit youth, seniors, low-income persons or underserved populations.

GRANT PROGRAM COSTS AND EXPENSES

Program administrative costs

Local jurisdictions may spend up to 20 percent (not to exceed \$50,000) of solid waste community enhancement funds on administrative costs including staff time and materials to administer the grant program.

Awards to nonprofit and local government projects

Participating jurisdictions track the amount of Community Enhancement Program funding that goes to nonprofit organizations and local government projects. As a guideline, the amount of grant funding awarded to a local government, local government advisory committee, department or special district is recommended not to exceed 15 percent of the available funds in each grant cycle, or more as otherwise provided in an intergovernmental agreement with Metro and a host local government. (Solid Waste Administrative procedure 5.06 section 6.1.2.4.)

Tracking awards to culturally-specific community based organizations (CBO's)

This year, participating jurisdictions also tracked the amount of funding awarded to culturally-specific community based organizations. The purpose of tracking grants to these organizations is to understand how the Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program supports Metro's [*Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion*](#), adopted by Metro Council in 2016.

Culturally-specific organizations¹ include all of the following characteristics:

- The majority of members and/or clients are from a particular (or multiple) community (or communities) of color, such as: African, African American, Asian, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Slavic;
- Organizational environment is culturally focused and the community being served recognizes it as a culturally-specific organization;
- Majority of staff must be from the community being served, and the leadership (defined to collectively include Board members and management positions) must be majority from the community served;
- Organization has a track record of successful community engagement and involvement with the community being served;
- The community being served recognizes the organization as advancing the best interests of the community and engaging in policy advocacy on behalf of the community being served.

¹ Definition from the Protocol for Culturally Responsive Organizations, Coalition of Communities of Color, 2014. <http://www.coalitioncommunitiescolor.org/research-data-tools/protocolfororgs>.

SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND GRANTS FY17-18

Enhancement Program	Enhancement Fee revenue FY17-18	Awarded grants FY17-18	Administrative costs FY17-18
Oregon City	\$ 321,913.39	\$ 196,543	\$ 50,000
Portland-Metro Central ¹	\$ 294,248.29	\$ 241,717	\$ 12,166
Forest Grove	\$ 122,561.12	\$ 131,072	\$ 8,000
Wilsonville	\$ 87,092.95	\$ 65,004	\$ -----
Troutdale	\$ 97,561.93	\$ 125,860	\$ 19,512
Sherwood	\$ 80,892.34	\$ 65,913	\$ -----
Portland-Suttle Road ²	\$ 29,940.97	\$ -----	\$ -----
Gresham ³	\$ 24,770.71	\$ -----	\$ -----
Total	\$ 1,058,981.70	\$ 826,109	\$ 89,678

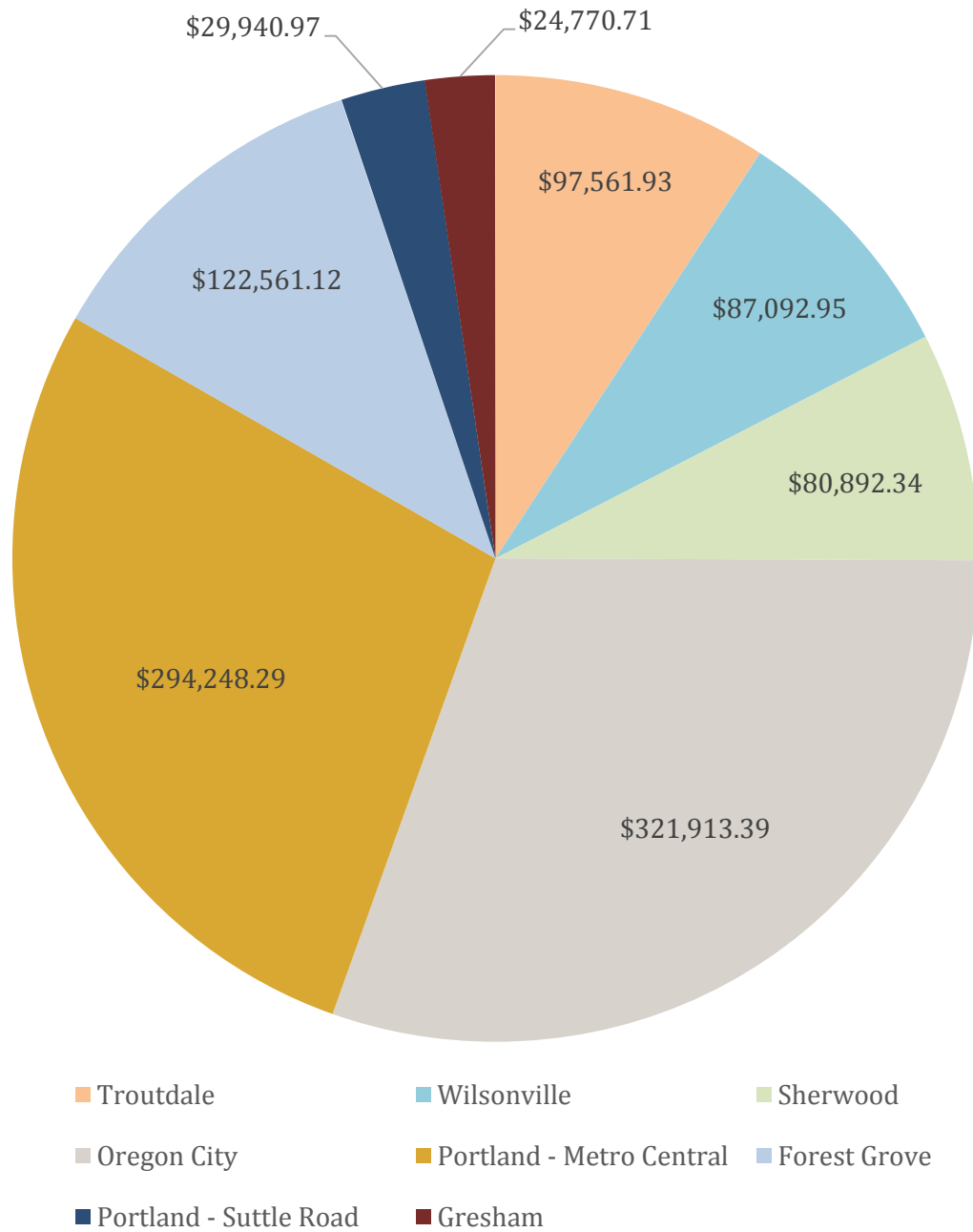
Enhancement Program	\$ Awarded to nonprofits FY17-18	\$ Awarded to local government FY17-18	Awarded to culturally-specific CBO's FY17-18
Oregon City	63%	37%	\$ -----
Portland-Metro Central ¹	100%	0%	\$ -----
Forest Grove	65%	35%	\$ 11,326
Wilsonville	19%	81%	\$ -----
Troutdale	78%	22%	\$ -----
Sherwood	43%	57%	\$ -----
Portland-Suttle Road ²	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gresham ³	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹ Metro Central Community Enhancement Grants are offered on a calendar year cycle, unlike the other grant programs which are typically offered on a fiscal year cycle. This table shows Metro Central grant awards for calendar year 2018.

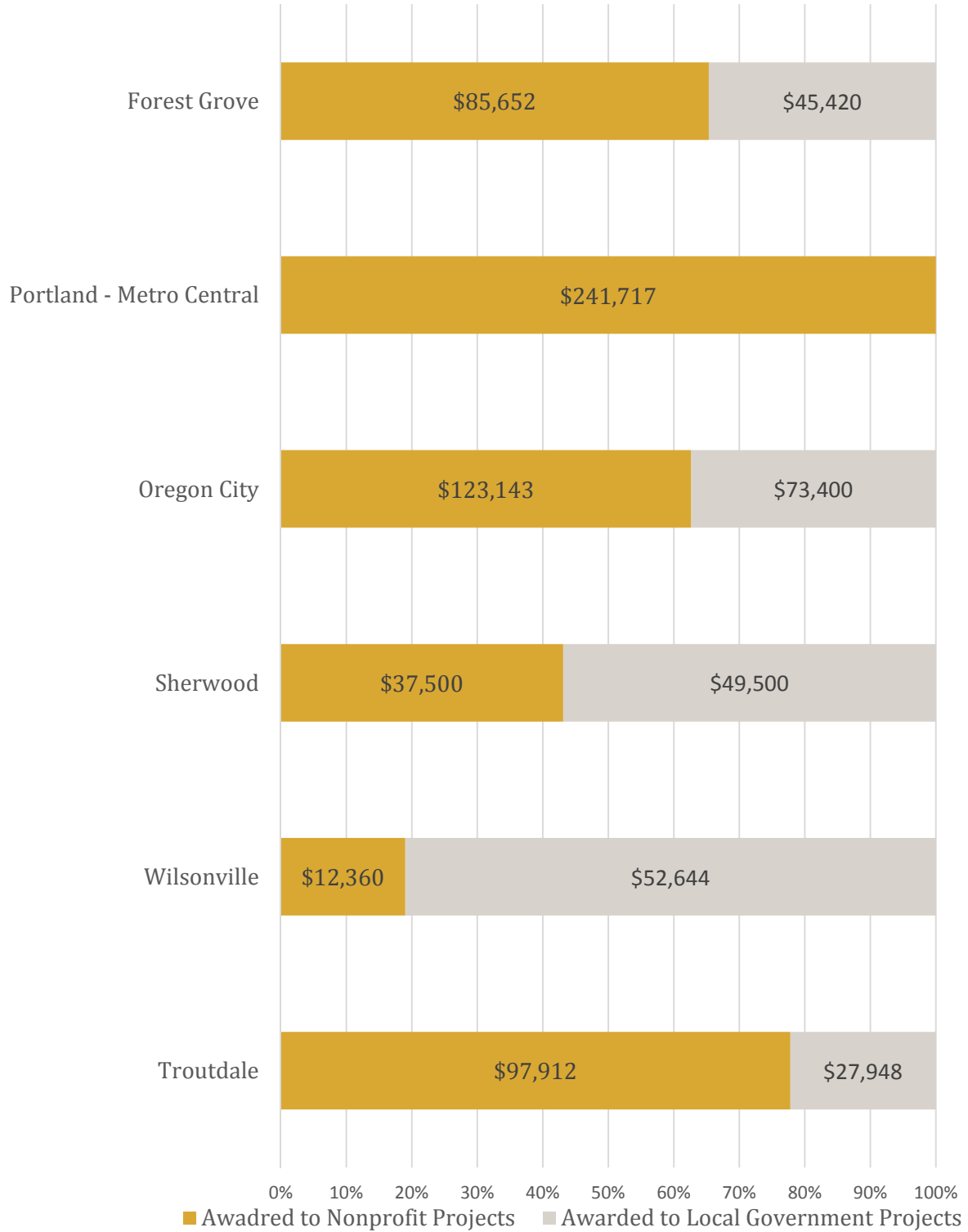
² The Suttle Road facility began collecting the Community Enhancement Fee in July 2015 and no grant awards were made in FY 17-18. They are scheduled to make their first grant awards in FY 18-19.

³ The Gresham program began collecting the Community Enhancement Fee in January 2017 and no grant awards have yet been made. They are scheduled to make their first grant awards in FY 18-19.

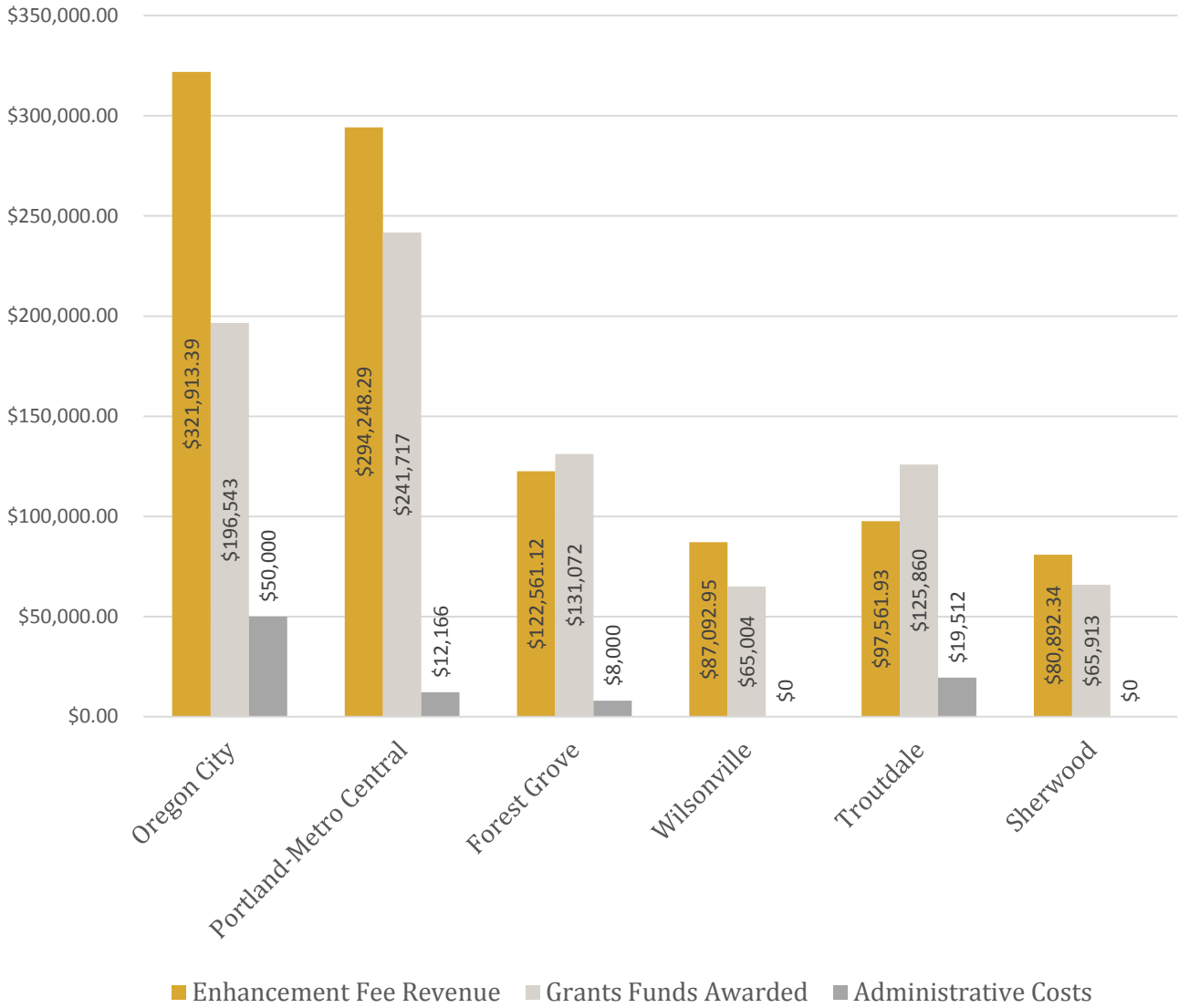
Community Enhancement Fee Revenue by Facility FY17-18



Grants Awarded by Organization Type FY 17-18



Enhancement Grant Program Expenditures FY17-18



Portland – Metro Central (Metro Central Transfer Station)

FY17-18 grants

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
Chapman Elementary PTA	Elementary School Playground	\$25,000	Nonprofit	No
Chapman Elementary PPS	Elementary School Reading Results Program	\$22,000	Nonprofit	No
Community Alliance of Tenants	Low Income Tenant Power	\$50,000	Nonprofit	No
Forest Park Conservancy	Building Community Stewardship	\$15,000	Nonprofit	No
Friendly House	Friendly House Community Services Senior Program	\$40,000	Nonprofit	No
Friendly House	Friendly House Technology	\$16,275	Nonprofit	No
Hereford House Food Pantry	Facility Rehabilitation and Food Pantry Operations	\$17,941	Nonprofit	No
Lower Columbia Estuary	NW Portland On-River Recreation and Training	\$17,347	Nonprofit	No
Meals on Wheels People	Healthy Meals for Homebound Elderly	\$10,000	Nonprofit	No
St. John's Center for Opportunity	Food Equity Expansion at the St. Johns Farmers Market	\$28,154	Nonprofit	No
Total Awarded Amount		\$241,717		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$241,717	100%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$0	0%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$0	0%	

Wilsonville (Willamette Resources, Inc.)

FY17-18 grants

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
Audubon Society of Portland and the Columbia Land Trust	Backyard Habitat Certification Program	\$12,644	Local Government	No
City of Wilsonville	Willamette Way West Sidewalk Extension to Graham	\$40,000	Local Government	No
	Oaks Nature Park			
Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society	Historical Society-Collection Preservation Project	\$12,360	Nonprofit	No
Total Awarded Amount		\$65,004		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$12,360	19%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$52,644	81%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$0	0%	

Sherwood (Pride Disposal and Recycling)

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Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
City of Sherwood	Recycling Containers at City Hall	\$4,000	Local Government	No
City of Sherwood	Holiday Lights	\$15,000	Local Government	No
City of Sherwood	Old Town Flower Baskets	\$5,000	Local Government	No
City of Sherwood	City of Sherwood Entry Signage	\$7,000	Local Government	No
City of Sherwood	Parks Signage Phase 2	\$11,000	Local Government	No
City of Sherwood City Manager's office	125th Birthday Celebration	\$7,500	Local Government	No
Hopkins Elementary	School to Farm Seasonal Study	\$9,141	Nonprofit	No
Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission	Sherwood Public Art Plan	\$8,000	Nonprofit	No
Sherwood Family Resource Center (Share Center)	Resource Center Enhancement Initiative	\$7,225	Nonprofit	No
Sherwood Moms Club	Community Garden Plot to donate to Helping Hands	\$199	Nonprofit	No
Sherwood Public Library	Family Engagement Environment, Phase 2	\$2,935	Nonprofit	No
Sherwood Robin Hood Festival Assn	Robin Hood Festival Community Outreach Support	\$10,000	Nonprofit	No
Total Awarded Amount		\$87,000		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$37,500	43%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$49,500	57%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$0	0%	

Forest Grove (Forest Grove Transfer Station)

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Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
Adelante Mujeres	FGS&CC Empresas Project	\$4,801	Nonprofit	Yes
Adelante Mujeres/Farmers Market	FM Nutrition Incentives & Market Advocates	\$6,525	Nonprofit	Yes
Chamber Holiday Display Team	Downtown Winter Light Enhancement	\$4,942	Nonprofit	No
Community Action Organization	WESTCO	\$4,725	Nonprofit	No
DCCFW/Eden Acres	Expanding/Enhancing School Nutrition Garden Classrooms	\$4,563	Nonprofit	No
Economic Development Commission	Design Assistanct for Downtown Storefront Improvements	\$6,810	Local Government	No
Economic Development Commission	English Language Training for Latino Workers in Food Processing Industry	\$6,738	Local Government	No
Eden Acres Environmental Education	Leadership by Design	\$2,799	Nonprofit	No
FG Community Garden	Signage, Tools, Hoses, Seeds	\$1,474	Nonprofit	No
FG Elks 2440	Weekend Backpack Program	\$8,650	Nonprofit	No
FG School District	Community Equity Leadership Development	\$3,400	Nonprofit	No
FG Senior & Community Center	LED Solar Exterior Path & Yard Lights	\$676	Nonprofit	No
FG Senior & Community Center	Restaurant Gas Range w/Griddle	\$6,598	Nonprofit	No
FG United Church of Christ	FGUCC Temporary Emergency Shelter	\$7,850	Nonprofit	No
Foodways at Nana Cardoon	Tualatin Plains Grain Culture Project	\$2,150	Nonprofit	No
Historic Landmarks Board	Preservation Grant Program	\$7,675	Local Government	No
Parks & Rec Commission	SIGNS-II (Systematically Install Great New Signs)	\$7,440	Local Government	No
Public Arts Commission	Promoting/Expanding Others Through the Arts	\$5,800	Local Government	No
Public Arts Commission	Enriching/Promoting PAC in the Community	\$1,350	Local Government	No
Rebuilding Together Wash Co	Critical Repair Program	\$3,525	Nonprofit	No
Sonrise Church Forest Grove	Sonrise Temporary Emergency Shelter	\$7,850	Nonprofit	No

Forest Grove (Forest Grove Transfer Station)

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Sustainability Commission	Collaborative Sustainable Community	\$5,607	Local Government	No
Sustainability Commission	FG Pilot Bike Share Program	\$4,000	Local Government	No
Theatre in the Grove	TITG Innovative Facelift	\$3,850	Nonprofit	No
Valley Art Association	Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival	\$4,250	Nonprofit	No
West Tuality Habitat for Humanity	Infrastructure for 22nd Place Project	\$7,025	Nonprofit	No
Total Awarded Amount		\$131,072		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$85,652	65%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$45,420	35%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$11,326	9%	

Troutdale (Troutdale Transfer Station – Waste Management)

FY17-18 grants

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
City of Troutdale - Parks Dept	Sunrise Park trail paving	\$25,000	Local Government	No
City of Troutdale - WPCF	Downtown Trout Manhole Covers	\$2,948	Local Government	No
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council	Sandy River Clean Up	\$4,846	Nonprofit	No
Troutdale Historic Society	Visionary Park Mural	\$6,000	Nonprofit	No
Troutdale Historic Society	Mayor Square Bronze – Clara Latourell Larsson	\$37,250	Nonprofit	No
Troutdale Historic Society	Lover's Arch - Harlow House	\$16,200	Nonprofit	No
Troutdale Historical Society	THS Rustic Sign - Harlow House	\$5,616	Nonprofit	No
West Columbia Gorge Chamber	Gorge Hub Construction Documents	\$28,000	Nonprofit	No
Total Awarded Amount		\$125,860		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$97,912	78%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$27,948	22%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$0	0%	

Oregon City (Metro South Transfer Station)

FY17-18 grants

Grantee	Project Name	Amount Awarded	Grantee Type (Nonprofit or City Dept/Commission)	Culturally Specific Organization (If known)
Alliance Charter Academy	Community Garden	\$15,000	Nonprofit	No
Downtown Oregon City Association	Pedestrian Analytics	\$23,825	Nonprofit	No
Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides	Bee Stewards	\$4,998	Nonprofit	No
Oregon City Parks Foundation	Waterboard Park Enhancement - Phase One	\$19,820	Nonprofit	No
Oregon City School District 62	Shared use path	\$25,000	Nonprofit	No
Oregon City Youth Sports	Scoreboard Installation	\$15,000	Nonprofit	No
Rivers of Life	Holcomb Place clean up	\$19,500	Nonprofit	No
City of Oregon City	McLoughlin Promenade Wall Caps	\$25,000	Nonprofit	Yes
Latourette Park Core Team & Oregon City Parks	Latourette Park Project	\$24,900	Nonprofit	Yes
Rivers of Life	Clackamette Cove enhancement	\$23,500	Nonprofit	Yes
Total Awarded Amount		\$196,543		
Total Awarded to Nonprofits		\$123,143	63%	
Total Grants to Local Governments		\$73,400	37%	
Total Grants to Culturally Specific Organizations		\$0	0%	

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