



JOIN THE SPONSORSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE!

Parks and Nature community partnerships capacity-building sponsorships

Metro is recruiting community members to serve on the review committee for the Parks and Nature community partnerships capacity-building sponsorships open call program. Members of the committee will recommend the allocation of up to \$21,000 in total funding for applications of up to \$3,500 to organizations and groups led by and for Black and indigenous people, and people of color¹ (BIPOC) seeking to build their capacity to connect BIPOC communities with nature.

These funds support capacity-building activities that increase BIPOC-led groups and organizations capacity to connect BIPOC communities with nature. This approach intends to provide financial support for capacity-building expenses related to work that connects BIPOC communities with nature. Potential activities may include leadership development of staff and community members related to connecting people of color with nature, purchasing of gardening equipment, IT services or hardware for online curriculum development, transportation costs or stipends for participants, and others.

It's important to have a broad diversity of experience and backgrounds represented on the review committee; grounded in racial equity analysis. People seeking sponsorships are eligible to serve on the review committee. All reviewers must disclose any financial conflicts of interest related to submitted requests. The committee of internal and external staff will review the requests and make a funding recommendation. The Parks and Nature department director will make all final funding decisions.

This is a one-time Parks and Nature community partnerships capacity-building sponsorships to be awarded in 2021. Our regular sponsorships for community-led activities cycle will resume in spring 2021.

Interested in reviewing applications?

Metro is looking for people with experience and expertise in community engagement and partnerships, racial equity and justice work, community events, and/or nature-based recreation, health or art programming, grant management, or related fields. Stipends for committee members will be available upon request.

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.

Metro will select a mix of committee members that bring experience or expertise in:

- Partnerships with community groups led by and for BIPOC communities.
- Integrating a racial equity analysis into funding programs.
- Integrating a racial equity analysis into programs that connect people with nature.
- Reviewing or writing small grant proposals or sponsorship requests.

What is the commitment?

- Review approximately 20 requests in December 2020 to early January 2021. See timeline below.
- Evaluate requests based on the information submitted: the set sponsorship criteria and the review committee's professional and collective judgment.
- Meet with the program manager for a committee orientation meeting in **early or mid-December 2020**.
- Attend the review committee meeting via Zoom, prepared to discuss the requests on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 9 a.m. to noon**.
- Develop sponsorship recommendations together with other review committee members.
- Potentially, conduct a presentation of the sponsorship recommendations to Parks and Nature leadership.
- Provide feedback to staff about ways to strengthen funding programs.

How to apply

To apply for the sponsorships for community-led activities review committee, please answer the questions below in an email (short paragraph), attach a resume which details your individual experience, and send it to the community partnerships manager, Tara Sonali Miller, tara.miller@oregonmetro.gov by Monday, November 23, 2020.

Application questions

- **Interest.** Why are you interested in serving on the capacity-building sponsorships review committee?
- **Experience.** What lived or professional experience, knowledge and skills will you bring to the committee?
- **Availability.** In order to serve on the review committee, you must attend the committee meeting via Zoom. Are you available to do so on January 19, 2021, from 9 a.m. to noon?

What's the timeline?

October 2020	Availability of funds announced.
October 21, 2020	Funding workshop, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
November 12, 2020	Funding workshop, 5 to 6 p.m.
November 23, 2020*	Review committee applications due.
December 13, 2020	Requests due to Metro.
December 2020	Review committee introduction meetings.
December 2020 to January 2021	Committee members review applications.
January 19, 2021	Review committee meeting, 9 a.m. to noon.
February 2021	Parks and Nature leadership review and approval.
February 2021	Capacity-building sponsorship awards.

***Deadline Extended**

Questions about the committee or the program?

For more information, please contact Tara Sonali Miller, community partnerships manager, at 503-813-7533 (voicemail only) or tara.miller@oregonmetro.gov.