

# Investment and Innovation program grants

Information session

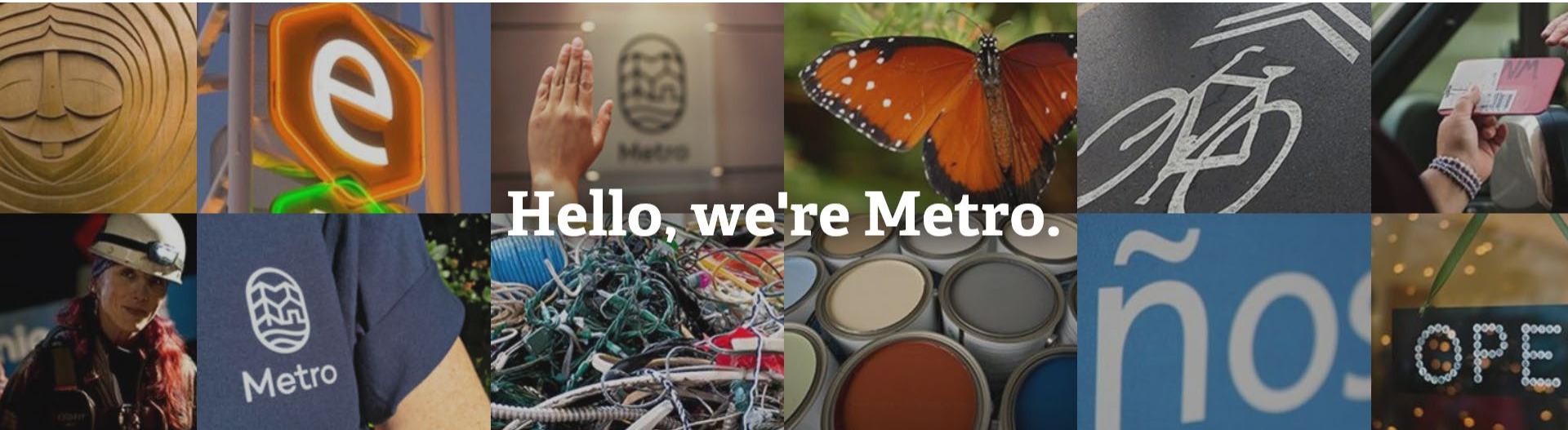
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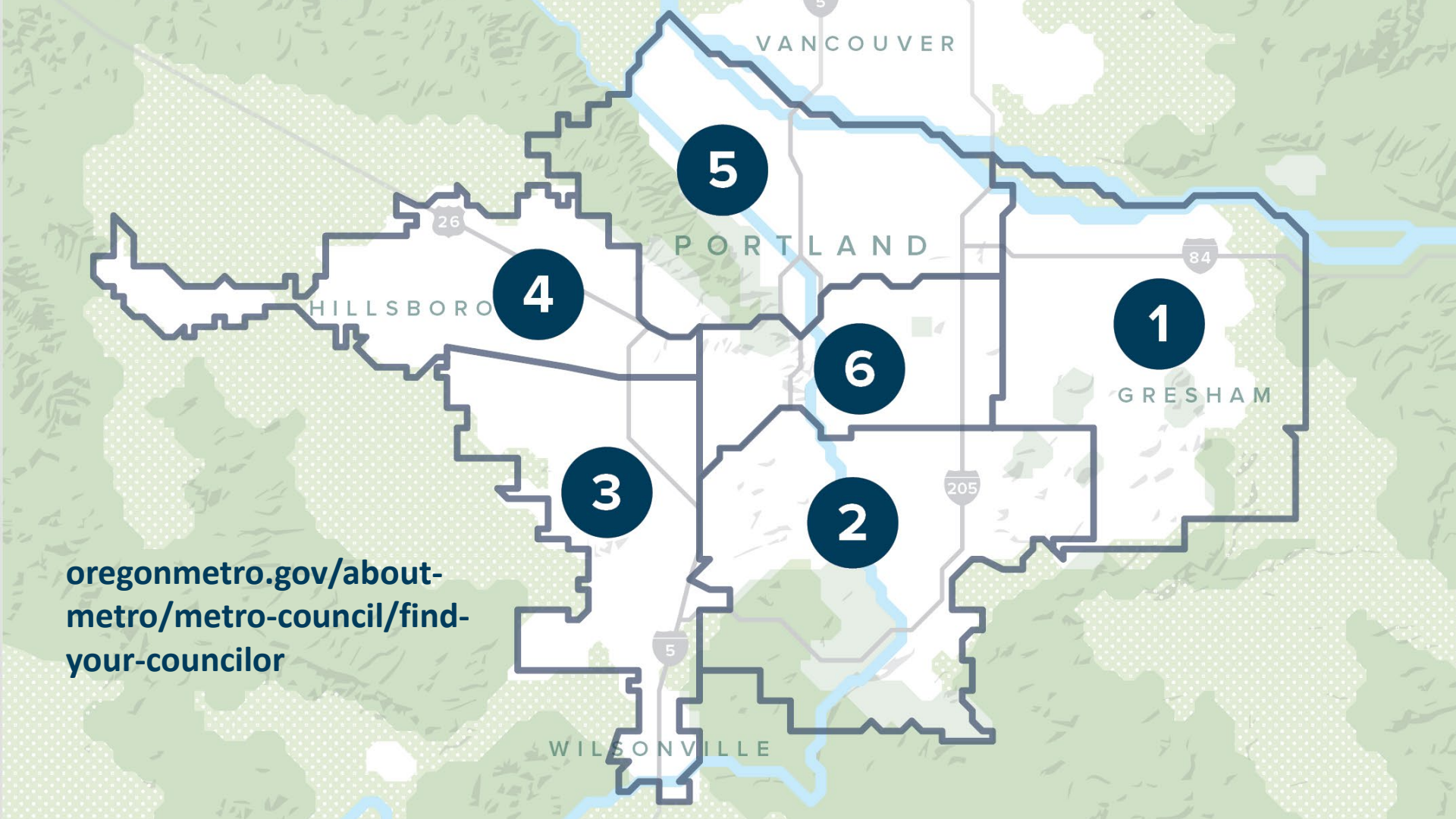
# Welcome!

- Housekeeping
- Purpose of today's information session
- Introductions

# What is Metro?



Metro serves more than 1.5 million people in 24 cities and three counties.



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# Waste Prevention and Environmental Services

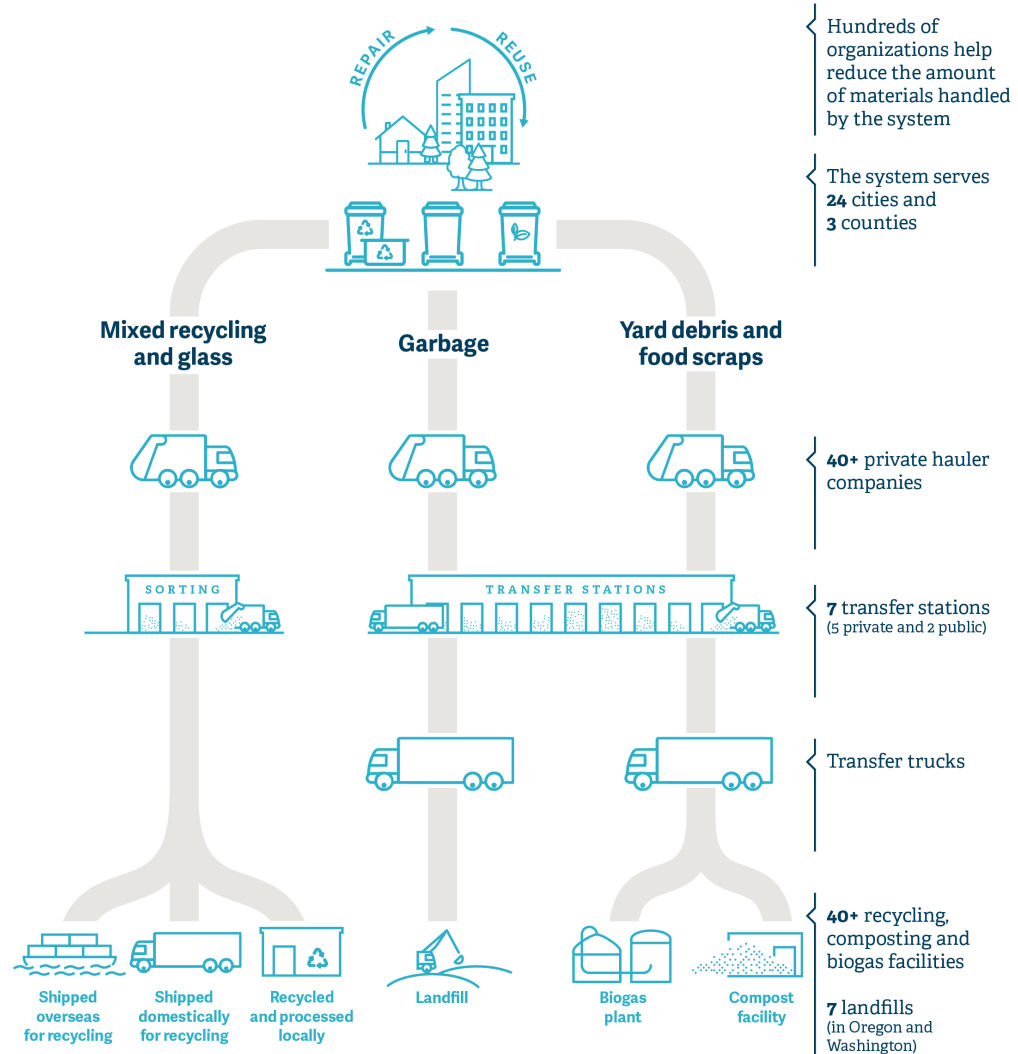


# 2030 Regional Waste Plan

The I&I program is advancing specific Regional Waste Plan goals and actions (goals 2, 8, 9, 15)



# Regional garbage and recycling system





# Program history

Three year pilot, launched in 2018





# I&I program purpose and objectives

**Purpose:** Reduce disposal of materials through waste prevention, reuse and repair, and material recovery. Advance racial equity in the solid waste system.

## Objectives

1. Reduce harmful environmental and health impacts
2. Advance equity
3. Build system resilience
4. Catalyze innovation

# Grant types for 2023

## ➡ **Program grants: \$10,000 to \$100,000**

- Personnel, operations and equipment
- 20% match (nonprofits exempt)

## **Capital grants: \$50,000 to \$500,000**

- Equipment and facility infrastructure
- 100% match (nonprofits exempt)

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# Useful Waste Initiative





# Eco-School Network



# 2022 I&I Annual Report

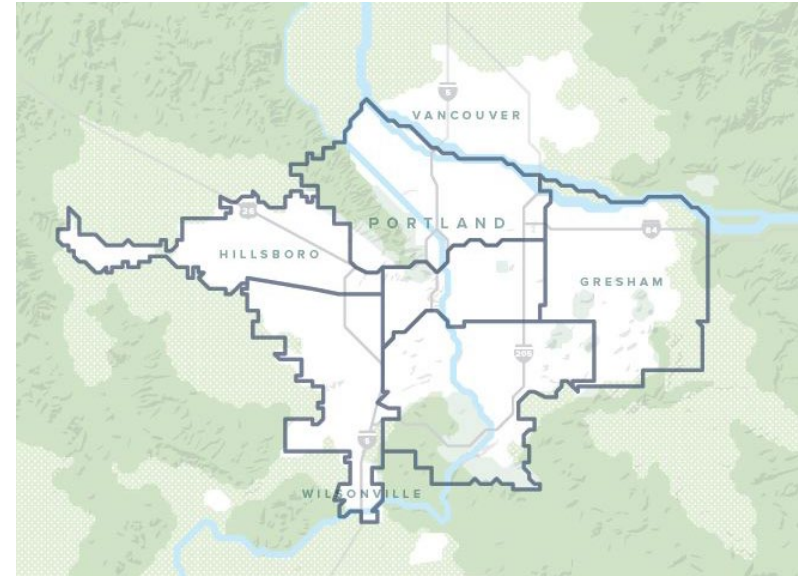
- Overview of grants awarded and cumulative impacts of completed projects
- Highlights creative ways grantees are reducing waste and advancing equity





# Who can apply?

- Non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, colleges and universities
- Projects must take place in the Metro region or have a significant direct impact on waste generated in the Metro region



# 2023 grant cycle overview

- **\$2M total available** for both grant types
- Updated priority focus areas
- Equity requirement
- Two-stage application process
- Provisions specific to nonprofits



# Priority focus areas

- Reuse and repair
- Food waste prevention and rescue; transition to reusable food service ware and packaging
- Recycling infrastructure





# Equity requirement

- All grants must demonstrate a commitment to racial equity – minimum threshold to be eligible for funding
- See proposal handbook pages 8-9 for details



# Use of grant funds

- Only expenses during grant term: 18-months, beginning **August or September 2023**
- **Eligible costs:** staff salaries, materials, supplies, equipment, consultants/contracted professional services, and up to 10% for overhead expenses

# Disbursement of grant funds

## Three installments:

1. 50% after contract is signed (likely September 2023)
2. 40% after reporting how first installment was spent
3. Final 10% on a reimbursement basis, after Metro receives and approves final grant report

# Proposal review criteria

- Waste stream, environmental and/or human health impacts
- Racial equity impacts
- Project plan and capacity to execute it
- Budget
- How you will evaluate impact





# Application process

- Pre-proposals are due in ZoomGrants by **Thursday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m.**
- Responses to pre-proposals will be sent on or around **April 10** (invitations or declines)
- Full proposals (by invitation only) are due in ZoomGrants by **Monday, May 22 at 5 p.m.**

# Application process (*continued*)

- Grant awards announced end of July 2023
- Contracting in August and September 2023
- Spending period: 18-months starting upon contract signature (likely September 2023)

# Application instructions



**ALERT**

**Now accepting applications: 2023 Investment and Innovation grants**

The 2023 Investment and Innovation grant cycle is now accepting proposals for program and capital grants. All application details and resources are posted below.

## GRANTS AND RESOURCES

Nature grants

### Large-scale community visions

Local share

### Parks and Nature community partnerships

Community enhancement grants

Community Placemaking grants

### Civic engagement grants

2040 planning and development grants

Regional Refresh Fund

Regional Travel Options  
program

Investment and innovation grants

2021-22 Capital grants

2021-22 Program grants

2020-21 Program grants

2019-20 Capital grants

2019-20 Program grants

2018-19 Grants

Brownfields assessment grants

Transit-Oriented Development  
Program

### Sponsorship opportunities

[Home](#) > [Tools for Partners](#) > [Grants and resources](#)

## Investment and Innovation grants

Investment and Innovation grants support efforts to prevent waste and reduce waste through reusing, repairing, recycling, or composting in greater Portland.



Oregon has a long history of leadership when it comes to preventing waste and promoting recycling. Metro is in a unique position to invest in and support innovation from local businesses and communities to reduce the negative impacts of products used and discarded in the greater Portland area.

Metro's Investment and Innovation grant program supports for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, and colleges and universities involved in creative efforts to prevent waste or

### Grant applications

Pre-proposal applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023.

**Apply now**

### Optional webinars

Capital grants: Jan. 23 at noon —→

Program grants: Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. —

# ZoomGrants overview

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Open Programs

[How do I do this?](#)

## Open Programs

You must be logged in to start a new application.

### 2022 Nature in Neighborhoods Regional Trails Grants

1/31/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### 2023 Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Parks and Nature

2/14/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### 2023 Investment and Innovation Capital Grants

Property and Environmental Services

2/23/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### 2023 Investment and Innovation Program Grants

2/23/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### 2023-2026 Regional Travel Options Grants - Core + Emerging Partners Track

Planning & Development

3/31/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### 2023-2026 Regional Travel Options Grants - General Grants Track

Planning & Development

3/31/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### Metro Regional Affordable Housing Bond

Planning and Development

1/1/2027 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview

### Metro 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Local Share Project Submittal Form

Parks and Nature

12/31/2030 - Organizations Only

Apply

Preview



# Project summary tab

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Application Status: Not Submitted

\$ 0.00 requested

Project Summary

Proposal Questions

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Project Summary

(answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)

Project Name

Amount Requested

\$10,000 to \$100,000

Total project or program cost

\$ 0

\$ 0

Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Telephone

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503-797-1651

# Proposal questions tab

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Deadline 2/23/2023

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## Proposal Questions

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## PRE-PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

### Project summary

1. Provide a summary of your proposed project. Include the following: What are the primary goals for this project? What activities will be completed? What is the approximate timeline? How will the grant funds be used?

Maximum characters: 3000. You have 2999 characters left.

# Proposal submission

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Initials

Submit Now

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Additional confirmation is the presence of a submission timestamp instead of the Submit Now button.

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# Suggestions

- Refer to the proposal handbook
- Be specific about anticipated impacts (environment and equity)
- Make it easy for reviewers: why is your project important and how will you do it?



# Need help? (general resources)

- Contract grant writers  
[gpanorthwest.org](http://gpanorthwest.org)
- ZoomGrants help desk,  
tutorials (technical  
assistance)
- Grant writing tips (handout)



# Need help? (project-specific)

- Metro staff are here to help!
- Virtual “office hours” Jan. 31 - Feb. 2
- Register for a 20-minute appointment (*link on program website*)
- If no spots are available, contact I&I staff

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