



2023 Metro Central Community Enhancement Grants make a difference

Funded by a \$1 fee on each ton of waste processed at the Metro Central Transfer Station in Northwest Portland, this grant program benefits the neighborhoods of Forest Park, Cathedral Park and Linnton; the Northwest District Association and the Northwest Industrial Area; and an area of the St. Johns neighborhood. A committee of local residents and Metro Councilor annually reviews applications and selects projects to fund. The Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee approved funding for fourteen projects in the 2023 grant cycle, awarding a total of \$358,111.

- [Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association](#): \$10,000
This project will remove concrete debris and rubble from the Cathedral Park beach and riverbank. This will improve access and enjoyment of the riverbank, beach, fishing, picnic and swimming area at the Cathedral Park Beach by directly addressing the waste that limits access and contributes to stagnant water.
- [CoHo Productions](#): \$45,000
CoHo is launching a new community resource center to benefit local BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and low-income emerging artists. This new program will remodel and repurpose existing space at CoHo's facility on NW Raleigh to provide a resource lab, recording studio, coworking station and conference room to benefit the broader theatre community.
- [Community Alliance of Tenants](#): \$30,000
This project will expand CAT's work in North and Northwest Portland to build renter empowerment and execute leadership trainings for first time renters, high school seniors and young families.
- [Dance United](#): \$22,000
This project will produce four multicultural arts and education events located in parks and outdoor spaces through the grant area. Events will serve as a catalyst to enjoy nature while creating a welcoming space for immigrants, communities of color, and other historically marginalized groups.
- [Forest Park Conservancy](#): \$30,000
This year-long workforce development program provides a paid opportunity for BIPOC youth that have traditionally been under-represented in the green jobs and natural resources field to obtain training and hands-on experience.....doing x and y in Forest Park.

- [Friendly House Student Success](#): \$40,000
The project will support the After School program and the virtual Complete Student Support program. The after-school program serves up to 130 children from the neighborhood with high-quality, safe, and enriching childcare in the hours after the typical school day and on school in-service days.
- [Friends of Trees](#): \$20,410
Friends of Trees' certified arborists will work with community volunteers and a youth Green Team to prune and assess 300-400 street trees at residences and businesses in the St Johns, Cathedral Park, and Linnton neighborhoods. Youth interns will gain skills in tree identification, tree care and pruning, and community engagement.
- [Lift Urban Portland](#): \$12,371
This project will replace and upgrade a food pantry refrigeration system to accommodate additional food donation from gleaning partners. This increased capacity will help meet increased demand for weekly food deliveries and pick ups for households throughout the grant area.
- [Linnton Community Center](#): \$16,100
This project will replace the existing exterior entry door hardware and replace the preschool entry door hardware with a handicap-accessible system.
- [Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership](#): \$24,158
The project will provide recreation opportunities and on-river environmental education to 180 people from area community organization through a series of on-river trips on the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership's two, 29-foot, Big Canoes.
- [Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group](#): \$15,000
This project will upgrade a repurposed shipping container to establish a River Center for the many groups that are working on the challenges facing the Portland Harbor. The center will be located at Green Anchors.
- [St. Johns Center for Opportunity](#): \$30,000
This project will support adequate staffing levels during each market day to support a safe work environment, increase promotional and outreach efforts with an emphasis on serving diverse vendors and shoppers, and fix crumbling asphalt and potholes at the market site.
- [Store to Door](#): \$45,690
Store to Door will support independent living for homebound seniors and adults and those living with disabilities through personal, volunteer-based grocery shopping and deliveries, free food box deliveries, friendly caller social connections and referrals to other community services.
- [Rewild Portland](#): \$17,382
Rewild Portland will install an outdoor irrigation system, storage sheds for tools and seeds, and a heat-assisted propagation area in a rebuilt 3,000sq ft greenhouse at Green Anchors.