

2023 Investment and Innovation Grants: Pre-proposals invited to submit full proposals

The Investment and Innovation (I&I) grant program received 77 pre-proposals with requests totaling over \$13 million for the \$2 million in available funding in the 2023 cycle. Two committees (capital and program) convened to recommend which should be invited to submit full proposals. Metro adopted the grant review committees' recommendations, and will invite **34 pre-proposals, totaling over \$5.7 million**, to advance to the final phase of the solicitation by submitting full proposals.

PROGRAM GRANTS

#	Applicant	Project title	Request
1	Association of Oregon Recyclers	Transcreating Recycling 101 Online Course	\$25,000
2	Clean Water Fund	ReThink Disposable - Reusable Foodware Technical Assistance	\$98,325
3	Community Gearbox	Resource Gathering for Communities of Practice	\$50,000
4	Community Warehouse	Equitable Furniture Pickup Services	\$85,590
5	Edúcate Ya	Educadores de Reciclaje/Recycling Educators	\$75,000
6	Free Geek	Laptop Refurbishment Capacity-Building	\$50,000
7	Frog & Toad	Frog & Toad's Reuse Program	\$59,000
8	Industrial Arts Tool Library	Industrial Arts Tool Library	\$39,200
9	Junk It Junk Removal	Reclaiming Lives Through Reuse	\$75,000
10	Lewis & Clark College	Circular Systems PDX: Establishing a Sustainable Material Sharing Network	\$90,000
11	Lift Urban Portland	Improving Food System Equity	\$75,000
12	LoveOne	LoveOne Food Pantry	\$71,250
13	MCK PDX	Milk Crate Kitchen	\$32,000
14	Okapi Reusables	OKAPI Reusables Cup Network for Cafes & Campuses	\$70,000
15	Resource Recycling Systems	NextCycle Oregon Feasibility Study	\$75,000
16	Sabin Community Development Corporation	Pass it On 2023	\$27,378
17	SCRAP Creative Reuse	SCRAP Spreads Resources	\$45,000
18	The Arc Portland Metro	Where Reuse and Neurodivergent Intersect	\$100,000
19	The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization	New Beginnings Market	\$100,000
20	The Wave Foundation	Portland Venues Collaborative: Waste Prevention, Recovery, Diversion, and Education	\$100,000
21	Urban Gleaners	Innovating Effective Food System Solutions	\$100,000
22	Waste Not Food Taxi	Food Rescue and Delivery to Underserved Populations	\$100,000
TOTAL			\$1,542,743

CAPITAL GRANTS

#	Applicant	Project title and description	Request
1	Birch Biosciences	Pilot Thermoformed PET Plastic Recycling Program	\$500,000
2	Birch Community Services	Keeping Rescued Food Safe: 10-Door Freezer	\$103,489
3	City of Roses Disposal and Recycling	Organic Waste Recovery	\$217,400
4	Denton Plastics	Plastic Recycling Infrastructure Expansion	\$500,000
5	Environmental Fibers International	Commingle Quality Control and Feedback	\$462,700
6	Green Options, PBC dba Bold Reuse	Expanding the capacity of reusable food packaging infrastructure in the Portland Metro Area	\$53,690
7	Habitat for Humanity Portland Region	Opening ReStore #4 in the Portland Region	\$500,000
8	Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers	Reducing Waste to Increase Programs at Bybee Lakes Hope Center	\$50,000
9	Looptworks	Municipal Textile Recycling Facility - Automated Sorting and De-Trimming Phase	\$500,000
10	Oregon Food Bank	OFB Warehouse Renovation	\$500,000
11	Outgrowing Hunger	Equipment to Rescue & Repurpose Food	\$286,420
12	Pioneer Recycling Services	Optical Sorter for Plastics	\$500,000
TOTAL			\$4,173,699