



LOCAL SHARE

\$92 million allocated to local governments for park improvement projects and locally important acquisitions, www.oregonmetro.gov/localshare

Local share program description

The local share program distributes \$92 million to 27 park providers (23 cities, 2 counties and 2 park districts) across the greater Portland region to invest in their community's parks and nature projects including land acquisition, habitat restoration and connectivity, facilities at public parks and natural areas, local and regional trails and interpretive or environmental education facilities.

Once park providers submit a project, Metro staff review and approve it and the two governments negotiate an agreement that governs the disbursement of local share funding.

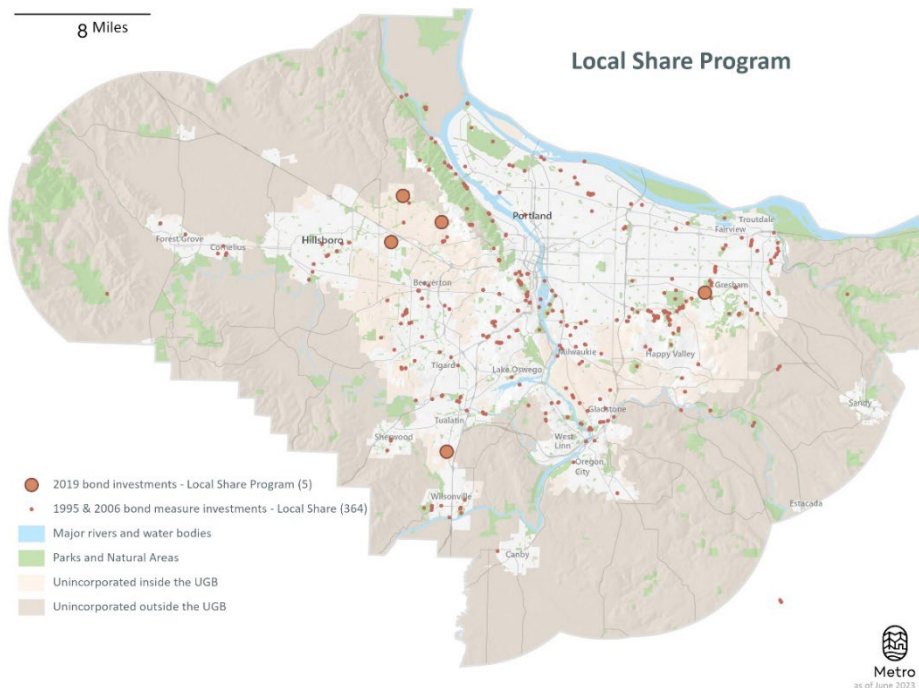
Local share program milestones completed as of 2022

The local share team is working to support park providers of all sizes to identify projects that meet bond criteria and community priorities including the following projects:

- Awarded \$10.3 million in funds to 5 projects including the City of Gresham for acquisition of a [parcel adjacent to Southwest Community Park](#), the City of Tualatin for [acquisition of a parcel near Basalt Creek](#) and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation for [three projects that retrofit and expand access to nature across the district](#)
- Submission of 7 additional projects for review and intergovernmental agreement execution
 - Portland Parks and Recreation has five projects: Whitaker Ponds Natural Area, Wilkes Headwaters Natural Area, Hoyt Arboretum Bristlecone Pine Trail ADA improvements, Park Pathway Lighting Renovation, and Rose City Golf Trails.
 - Forest Grove's Stites Park, which will build a nature park with a community garden, picnic, and play areas.
 - Wilsonville's Frog Pond West property acquisition, which will protect natural park land within a neighborhood that is currently being developed.
 - Interviewed 24 representatives and surveyed 9 representatives from the region's park providers on experience of participating in program to date

Category	During calendar year 2022
Number of projects awarded funds	4
Number of executed IGAs with park providers	2
Number of projects submitted but not yet awarded funds	7 (PPR, Wilsonville and Forest Grove)
Dollars awarded through executed IGAs	\$6.8 million
Dollars spent through completed projects	\$1.5 million
Contacts with park providers to support in the project submittal process	20-plus
Number of roundtables to support learning on bond criteria	2 (community engagement and accessibility), 8 total since 2021 on tribal government engagement, workforce and contract equity, anti-displacement, community engagement)

Figure 1, map of local share project awards as of December 2022



Looking ahead

The local share team will continue to work with the region’s park providers to identify, submit and approve priority projects for bond local share funding. The team has reviewed projects submitted by Portland Parks and Recreation, Forest Grove and Wilsonville and is preparing to finalize intergovernmental agreements to formalize funding awards for these seven projects. The team will continue to identify resources and strategies as well as findings from interviews and surveys of park providers to

support the region’s park providers in identifying priority projects that address the bond criteria including roundtables, one on one meetings and site visits.

The team anticipates that the pace of local share project submittal will increase in 2023 and beyond. As additional park providers submit priority projects, the team will work with park providers to capture and report on progress made in addressing of bond criteria related to engagement, contracting and other areas.

Markers for progress on local share in 2023 and beyond

- Total number of park providers that have submitted a project or projects for review
- Total number of executed intergovernmental agreements finalized for approved projects
- Map of location and type of local share projects that have been awarded bond funds to date
- Reporting from park providers on how they’re advancing bond criteria in project selection, development and activation, which will begin in summer of 2024
- Interviews and surveys of park provider staff to understand the impact of advancing local share projects and implementing bond criteria

Local share

Local share distributes funds to the region's 27 park providers to build projects and purchase natural areas that are important to their communities.

Projects funded

5

totaling

\$10.3 million