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# Parks and Nature Community Partnerships



## Community-led Programs Grants

Virtual workshop: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



# Meeting objectives

- Learn about Parks and Nature grants for community-led programs
- Ask questions about your ideas



# Introductions

- *Name*
- *Organization or group*
- *Gender Pronouns*
- *Ideas/questions*
- *Check-in*



# Community-led programs grants

## What are grants for?

Activities or programs that facilitate connection to nature for BIPOC communities.

## What can they pay for?

Funds may cover staff time, leadership development, materials and supplies, IT services and hardware, participant stipends, transportation, food and other costs related to connecting BIPOC communities with nature.



# What groups and activities qualify?

## Groups

- Led by and for BIPOC communities
- Have accepted legal entity status to receive funds, cannot be political committees, campaigns or lobbying groups
- Mission or business purpose aligns with the programmatic initiatives of the Community Partnerships program

## Activities

- Must contribute to the Parks and Natural Areas Levy goal of increasing opportunities for communities of color to experience nature.
- Benefit Metro area residents
- Held between June 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

# What are some examples of what funds can pay for?

- Advancing the group's ability to connect communities of color with nature, including staff time, program outreach costs, and insurance for events.
- Training, professional and leadership development of staff or community members related to increasing capacity to connect communities of color with nature
- Materials and supplies, such as gardening equipment, backpacking gear, food, etc.
- IT services, software, and hardware for activities such as online curriculum development, administration, and participation, nature education guides, or information sharing: multimedia support, network connections, or improved broadband.
- Transportation costs for community members, including bus passes, gas cards and rideshare credits.
- Stipends and incentives for program participants
- Expansion or establishment of online programming that connects communities of color with nature.
- Expansion or establishment of in-person programming to connect people of color with nature
- Other activities that build capacity to connect communities of color with nature.

## What are some examples of possible, allowed activities?

- Leadership development training for staff or community members that supports their capacity to offer programming that facilitates BIPOC connection with nature.
- Facilitation of an herbal medicine-making workshop for BIPOC communities in a park or natural area
- Creation of recommendations or best practices for Metro to consider when connecting BIPOC communities with nature or more collaborative programming with Metro staff and/or Metro's parks and natural areas.
- Acquisition of equipment to facilitate connecting communities with nature.
- Hiring a graphic designer to create a nature education field guide or other materials to facilitate BIPOC communities' connection with nature



# Grant selection process

## How much funding is available?

- Up to \$5,000 available per grant
- \$195,000 total available

## What is the process to receive funds?

1. You fill out a grant request
2. Community and staff committee reviews and makes recommendations
3. The department director makes final decision.



# How to apply

Go to:

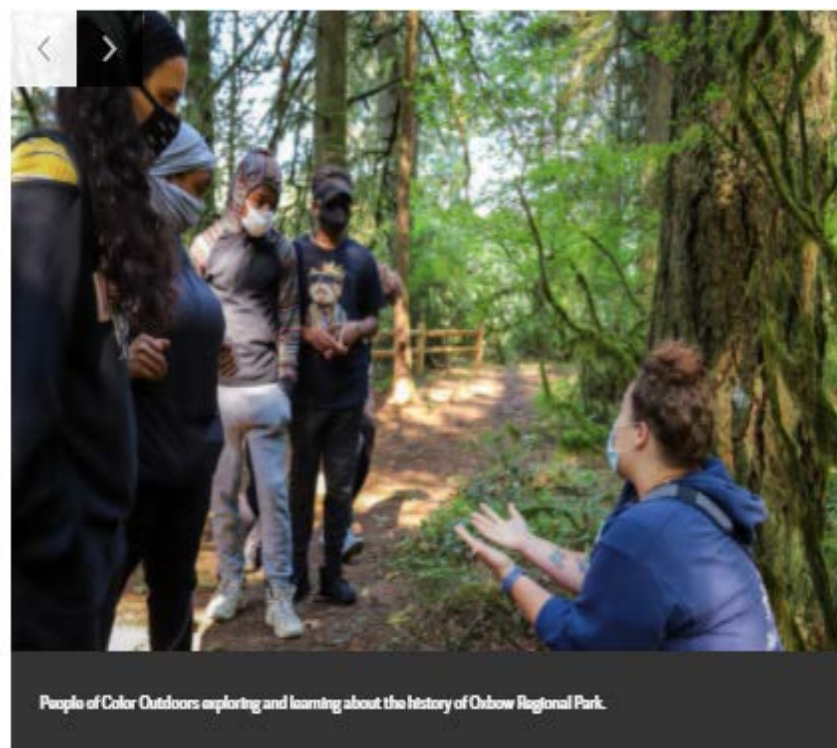
[www.oregonmetro.gov/parkspartnerships](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/parkspartnerships)

Click apply and fill out online

or

Download the form, fill it out and email it to

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Metro's community partnerships program works with community organizations big and small to build community and connect people of color with nature at Metro's parks and natural areas. These partnerships organize community events, implement nature programming activities, connect communities with park planners and decision makers, explore nature-based career pathways, and

**Applications open for 2021 sponsorships**

Metro is currently accepting sponsorship requests for community-led programs through Oct. 26, 2021.

[Apply now](#)

# What's the timeline?

- December 14, 2023: Requests due
- December 2023, January + February 2024: Community committee review and recommendation
- March 2024: Department director decision and grants awarded
- June 2024-September 30, 2025: Funded programs



## What do I need to report?

Complete a short, online form or phone call with shared learnings and feedback.

## What if I have questions?

Contact Tara Sonali Miller  
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# Questions?

