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Investment and Innovation grants

Grant funding prevents waste, strengthens local reuse and repair economy, and spurs innovation in the recycling system.

The Investment and Innovation grant program was established in 2018 with the aim of reducing environmental and health impacts from waste in greater Portland. Grants fund efforts from for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, and universities and colleges to reduce trash. The program supports upstream projects that prevent waste and new ways to make better use of our waste through reuse and repair, composting and recycling. These strategic investments advance progress toward achieving multiple goals of the [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#) and Metro's [Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#). The grants further Metro's efforts to develop a garbage and recycling system that benefits communities of color and other marginalized groups.

This 2023 annual report illustrates how the program objectives are being met, using cumulative performance metrics that incorporate all completed grants. It also highlights the achievements of several grants completed this reporting year to illustrate the diverse range of funded projects.

Investment and Innovation grant-funded projects are producing significant long-term benefits for residents of the Metro region. Funded projects have reduced waste in the region and will continue to benefit residents long after the funding ends. We estimate grant efforts will remove a total of 148,765 tons of waste through

completed grant projects, which also includes increased capacity to prevent more waste in the future. Reduced waste is associated with reduced greenhouse gasses and toxic particulates – which disproportionately impact communities of color. Grant-funded projects provide tangible benefits for underserved communities, including expanded services and new employment opportunities.

Program objectives

- Grants result in **health and environmental benefits** associated with waste reduction.
- Grants **advance equity** by creating benefits for communities of color and other marginalized groups.
- Grants **build system resilience** for the region's reuse, repair and material recovery infrastructure.
- Grants **spur innovation** in reuse, repair, and material recovery by adopting new technologies and strategies to reduce waste.

Program outcomes

The program has awarded 84 grants since 2018, through five funding cycles, totaling \$12.7 million. Grant recipients have so far contributed an additional \$12.8 million of their resources to these projects. This report includes data from **43 completed grant projects as of October 2023**. Grants still in progress will be included in future annual reports after projects are completed. An addendum to this report summarizes all grants awarded since the program began, and their completion status.

The quantifiable impacts from completed grants tie to key program outcomes:

- Grant projects result in environmental and health benefits.
- Grants strengthen, improve, and increase the capacity of the regional reuse, repair and material recovery infrastructure.
- Grants create benefits for people who are Black, Indigenous or people of color (BIPOC) and other marginalized groups.

Types of grant projects



57 reuse and repair



15 recycling



6 composting



6 workforce and other

Equity benefits

22% of disbursed funding

spent on BIPOC*-owned businesses and communities

33 full time jobs

created for BIPOC individuals

\$1,075,321



Awarded directly to BIPOC-led groups

\$538,188



Spent on hiring COBID**-certified firms

\$554,902



Spent on services and partnerships for BIPOC communities

\$108,967

spent on developing career pathways for BIPOC employees

14 grants

incorporated services and partnerships for BIPOC communities

*Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

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Environmental benefits

22,130 metric tons

of CO2 equivalents of greenhouse gas emissions have been avoided, equivalent to removing



4,753

passenger vehicles from the roads each year



148,765 tons

of Metro area waste will be prevented or reduced

10% during the grant

90% future benefits

A note about the estimated reduction of 148,765 tons of waste: 10% was reduced during grant implementation, and the remaining 90% will be reduced due to Investment and Innovation investments that create future system capacity. For example, increased floor space and upgraded infrastructure and equipment will allow for handling additional material at recycling and composting facilities in the near future. In other words, the results reported are a snapshot in time; **full utilization of the grant-funded infrastructure and programs will benefit the region for years to come.**

Grant project highlights

Grant recipients engage in unique waste reduction strategies for different materials and products. The Investment and Innovation program has funded a variety of projects – from new sorting systems at recycling facilities, to expanding systems to divert nutritious food that would otherwise be disposed. The grants demonstrate the breadth of ways businesses and nonprofits strengthen greater Portland's reuse, repair and material recovery system and generate benefits for underserved communities. A complete description of grants awarded to date and the status of each is included as Attachment 1.

Growing a culture of reuse through a circular cup borrowing service

Each year, the Portland area discards approximately 50 million disposable coffee cups. This waste comes with harmful impacts including: greenhouse gas emissions from transport and disposal, toxic chemicals in some disposable cups and lids, and financial strain on small businesses needing to constantly purchase single-use items. **OKAPI Reusables** is building momentum toward replacing throw-away cups with reusables.

With funding from the Investment and Innovation program, OKAPI expanded its circular cup borrowing service to more Portland cafes and restaurants, fostering culture change that will help reduce single-use disposable foodware.

Modeled off successful, scalable reuse networks in Australia and New Zealand, OKAPI's program works like this: customers download an OKAPI app and can ask any participating cafe for their drinks in a reusable cup. When finished, customers return the reusable cup at any participating drop-off site. Participating cafes clean and sanitize used cups and put them back into circulation.

Metro grant funds helped purchase more than 2,000 reusable cups and lids. OKAPI opted to use stainless steel and glass or borosilicate cups over reusable cups made of plastic. The grant also supported a concentrated outreach effort that resulted in 14 new participating coffee shops and 880 new cafe customers who have subscribed to the app. This outreach has helped encourage behavior change to choose the reusable cup option. OKAPI estimates 9,722 single-use cups and slightly fewer lids were saved during the grant term, with the benefits continuing after the grant. The traction from this project helped expand the circular cup borrowing service beyond the Metro region as well, and OKAPI is now in over 60 cafes in five states.



Photo courtesy of OKAPI Reusables

OKAPI is a COVID-certified business and has worked to cultivate a diverse, inclusive cafe network and customer base. OKAPI is intentionally building stronger relationships with BIPOC community organizations to understand and develop strategies to address barriers to reuse.

Large-scale expansion of regional capacity to turn more yard debris and food waste into compost

Recology Oregon Compost processes residential food scraps from the Metro region at its composting facility in North Plains, Oregon. Prior to Recology's grant, processing capacity was limited by the facility's design. The grant helped fund a large infrastructure project to upgrade to modern composting systems of large, aerated mass beds and a larger cure pad. Aeration accelerates the creation of high-quality compost from yard debris and food scraps. Additional upgrades improved traffic flow and expanded stormwater and wastewater management equipment to accommodate increased material processing.

As a result of the project, the facility increased its capacity to take yard debris and food scraps from the Metro region by 24,000 tons a year. During the first



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three months of operating the new system, the amount of processed materials increased by 34 percent as compared to the same period the prior year. Upgrades from the grant improves service equity, as more capacity is needed for more cities to be able to collect food scraps for composting.

More efficient operations and state-of-the-art compost processing technology has positive impacts on the community, too, by minimizing traffic impacts and odors from processing.

Innovative clothing and bedding exchange prevents waste and supports underserved Portlanders

Hygiene For All believes people experiencing houselessness should have access to clean clothing, and doing so provides environmental, health and equity benefits. The program facilitates the reuse of clothing that would otherwise be discarded due to cost, time, and lack of access that makes it easier to throw dirty items away rather than reuse them. An Investment and Innovation grant funded staff and equipment to research, develop and launch a clothing and bedding exchange housed in the Hygiene Hub located under the Morrison Bridge in inner southeast Portland.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church volunteers retrieve dirty items, launder them offsite, and return clean items to the hub where paid houseless ambassadors promote reuse among peers. In addition, the program is collecting and reusing additional discarded clothing and bedding through a partnership with Trash for Peace's Ground Score program.

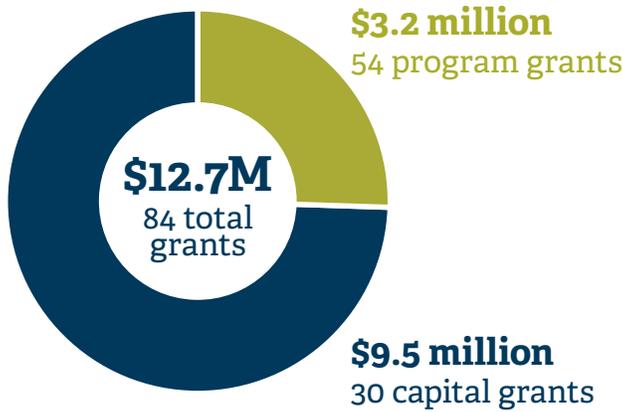
Despite numerous challenges faced by people experiencing houselessness and advocates during the pandemic years, the clothing and bedding exchange successfully launched and is currently serving about 100 patrons a week. Between March and August 2023, the program diverted approximately 2,000 pounds of clothing and bedding for reuse. Hygiene for All anticipates that the monthly amounts will increase as the program grows, especially during the rainy season.

The project included substantial research on the barriers to reuse of clothing among people experiencing houselessness. The team trained 10 unsheltered staff members and eight housed volunteers in participatory research design and qualitative questionnaire implementation using a trauma-informed approach. Hygiene for All is developing a report on the outcomes of this study to highlight laundry and waste needs, their impact, and solutions to improve access and outcomes for unsheltered folks, public health and sanitation in general. The project team is advising three other laundry exchange programs in the region to make these waste diversion and reuse efforts more successful.



Photo courtesy of Hygiene for All

Total grants awarded



- 30%** of grantees are BIPOC-led businesses and organizations or primarily serve communities of color
- \$12.8 million** grantee contributions to grant projects so far
- 372%** of available I&I funds requested
- 29%** of requests funded

Funding requests and grant awards

The table below summarizes approximate funding requests and grant awards by fiscal year. In a few cases grantees did not spend the full grant award, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Fiscal year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Total requests	\$14,090,500	\$15,396,400	\$1,069,400	\$6,605,500	\$13,079,337
Total available	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Program grant awards	\$224,600	\$572,600	\$487,300	\$1,053,300	\$919,668
Capital grant awards	\$2,176,400	\$5,322,500	\$0	\$946,700	\$1,063,253
Total grant awards	\$2,401,000	\$5,895,100	\$487,300	\$2,000,000	\$1,982,921

Project funding and implementation status

As of October 2023, approximately half of all grant projects have been completed. Grants awarded in 2023 are just getting started, with anticipated completion in 2025. The status of individual grants is detailed in Attachment 1.

Number of grant projects by implementation status



Grant funding disbursed as of October 2023



If you picnic at Blue Lake or take your kids to the Oregon Zoo, enjoy symphonies at the Schnitz or auto shows at the convention center, put out your trash or drive your car – we've already crossed paths.

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What's next for the Investment and Innovation program?

In 2024, Metro will engage in a planning process to develop strategic funding priorities for the Investment and Innovation grant program. The grant application will not open in January, detailed information about the next grant cycle will be posted on the [program website](#) when available.

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Attachment 1: Investment and Innovation grants awarded from 2018 to 2023

Grant recipient bold = multiple awards *= BIPOC-owned or primarily serve communities of color	Project title (year awarded) <i>Project description</i>	Grant amount	Additional funds leveraged	Project status (As of October 2023)
Allwood Recyclers	Compost facility improvements (2018) <i>New aerated compost system for improved yard debris processing</i>	\$272,149	\$355,399	Completed in Jan. 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Association of Oregon Recyclers	Transcreating the Recycling 101 online course (2023) <i>Develop a free course for Spanish speakers with comprehensive information about sustainable materials management</i>	\$25,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Birch Community Services	Refrigerated truck to rescue and redistribute 6.5 million pounds of edible food annually (2022) <i>Increase capacity to rescue large donations from food manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and farms</i>	\$102,221	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 0% of funds disbursed
Birch Community Services	Preserving rescued food (2023) <i>Replace a failing 10-door freezer to keep rescued food safe so it can be distributed to more than 900 families each year</i>	\$103,489	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 0% of funds disbursed
Bold Reuse	Reusable food retail packaging pilot (2022) <i>Staff time and supplies to pilot a reusable packaging system for locally produced grocery items in partnership with New Seasons</i>	\$87,500	\$17,500	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Bold Reuse	Upgrading reusable food packaging infrastructure in greater Portland (2023) <i>Upgraded washing and drying systems with AI for quality and inventory management to increase capacity for reuse services</i>	\$42,157	\$42,157	Just started in Sept. 2023 0% of funds disbursed
City of Roses Disposal & Recycling*	Material recovery facility relocation and expansion (2018) <i>Infrastructure and equipment upgrades to increase volume and type of dry waste recovery</i>	\$500,000	\$524,668	Completed in Feb. 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$498,822.
City of Roses Disposal & Recycling*	Material recovery facility expansion: Phase 2 (2019) <i>Infrastructure and equipment upgrades to increase dry waste recovery and improve working conditions</i>	\$302,504	\$598,579	Completed in June 2023 100% of funds disbursed
City of Roses Disposal & Recycling*	Building capacity for new wood waste markets (2019) <i>New staff and supplies to create and expand commercial-scale markets for wood waste</i>	\$65,000	\$7,709	Partially completed in Aug. 2020 Project continued by Sankofa Lumber 19% of funds disbursed
City of Roses Disposal & Recycling*	Adding organic waste recovery to create animal feed (2023) <i>New equipment and building updates to add a new dry organics recovery process to divert an estimated 27,300 tons each year</i>	\$217,130	\$217,130	Just started in Sept. 2023 0% of funds disbursed

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City Repair	Useful waste initiative (2020) <i>Develop process and demonstration projects to divert usable construction waste from architectural prototypes</i>	\$24,420	\$2,000	Completed in June 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Clackamas Service Center	Enhance capacity to rescue and redistribute edible food for families in need (2022) <i>Staff time and equipment to increase food rescue and distribution with a focus on culturally relevant foods</i>	\$100,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 50% of funds disbursed
Community Cycling Center	Reusing and recycling salvaged bicycles and parts (2020) <i>Expand reuse and recycling of used bicycles and parts, and support for internship program</i>	\$49,288	\$25,500	Completed in March 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Community Development Corporation of Oregon*	East County food rescue shuttle (2020) <i>Expand capacity of BIPOC-owned businesses to produce and market culturally relevant food products from excess food</i>	\$47,250	\$1,000	Completed in Aug. 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Community Development Corporation of Oregon*	A network of portable coolers for BIPOC farmers (2022) <i>Equipment to ensure that food remains edible from harvest to sale or donation</i>	\$50,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 57% of funds disbursed
Community Warehouse	Creating a reuse hub (2022) <i>Staff time and rent for a new warehouse location that will be shared by other local reuse organizations</i>	\$100,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in April 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Community Warehouse	Equitable furniture pickup services (2023) <i>Staff time and vehicle expenses for a new sliding-scale donation pick-up program to engage new participants and increase reuse</i>	\$85,590	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Cracked Pots	Integrating equity in Cracked Pots' mission and operations (2020) <i>Equity training and staff for recovering materials at transfer station for resale</i>	\$37,442	\$0	Completed in July 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Cracked Pots	Repair and reuse technician (2022) <i>New staff to glean more furniture and bulky items from the transfer station with minor repair needs</i>	\$80,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 50% of funds disbursed
Denton Plastics	Continuous melt filter (2018) <i>New equipment to process new streams of plastic materials with higher degree of contamination</i>	\$193,097	\$191,699	Completed in Jan. 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$191,699.
Denton Plastics	Single stream eco-line (2019) <i>New equipment to recycle additional new streams of plastic materials</i>	\$684,496	\$954,952	Completed in Aug. 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Denton Plastics	Plastic recycling facility expansion (2023) <i>New building to increase the amount of rigid polyethylene and polypropylene plastics that can processed at the facility</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	Just started in Sept. 2023 0% of funds disbursed

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Dirt Hugger	Generating more compost with fewer emissions (2022) <i>Infrastructure and equipment to expand processing capacity for food waste and yard debris and an equity consultant to develop DEI goals for the company</i>	\$500,000	\$500,000	In progress To be completed in July 2025 4% of funds disbursed
Earth Advantage	Overcoming barriers in deconstruction (2018) <i>Targeted capacity-building for BIPOC-owned and employed deconstruction firms</i>	\$50,000	\$10,026	Completed in Jan. 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$49,961.
East Portland Tool Library	Establishing a new East Portland Tool Library (2022) <i>Building and equipment costs to set up a new tool library for residents in an underserved area</i>	\$47,071	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Eco-School Network	Waste reduction in schools (2018) <i>Training for parent leaders to implement waste reduction projects in 20 schools</i>	\$25,580	\$69,980	Completed in Jan. 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$25,576.
Educate Ya*	Educadores de reciclaje (recycling educators) (2023) <i>New staff and program supplies to develop a train-the-trainer program for waste reduction and recycling education within the Latine community in greater Portland</i>	\$75,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Environmental Fibers International	Unders recovery (2019) <i>New equipment to enable recycling of residual materials that would otherwise be disposed</i>	\$310,000	\$310,000	Completed in Jan. 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Feed'em Freedom Foundation*	Food recovery program (2022) <i>Staff time to develop a local food recovery program linking BIPOC farmers with unsold produce to local health and social services organizations</i>	\$75,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 50% of funds disbursed
Free Geek	Electronics recycling program support (2018) <i>Staff and equipment to collect and process more electronics for reuse or recycling</i>	\$50,000	\$581,500	Completed in Jan. 2020 100% of funds disbursed
Free Geek	Electronic waste collection and recycling (2020) <i>Up to 22 collection events to recover discarded electronics for reuse or recycling</i>	\$43,819	\$45,250	Completed in March 2022 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$43,577.
Free Geek	Recycling and reuse capacity expansion (2022) <i>Staff time and flexible storage space to accommodate bulk sales of specialty items that are otherwise difficult to recover for reuse</i>	\$96,808	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Frog & Toad	Expanding Frog & Toad's reuse program (2023) <i>New staff to oversee reuse and repair operations as well as skill-share events to increase community access to repair skills</i>	\$59,000	\$11,800	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed

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Green Lents	Community tool library waste reduction, repair, and reuse empowerment (2022) <i>Staff time to develop accessible reuse workshops and educational materials in multiple languages</i>	\$45,500	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
GreenWay Recycling	Advanced material recovery system (2019) <i>New equipment and infrastructure improvements for increased dry waste recovery</i>	\$712,500	\$3,386,384	Completed in June 2023 90% of funds disbursed (pending final contract requirement)
Grimm's Fuel Company	ASP modernization (2019) <i>Modernization of compost system to aerated static piles to increase yard debris recycling capacity and reduce odors</i>	\$710,000	\$2,957,469	Completed in June 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro East	Increasing the waste prevention capacity of Habitat's ReStores (2018) <i>Staff and equipment to expand donation pickup services of products for reuse</i>	\$49,046	\$48,128	Completed in Jan. 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$48,669.
Hygiene For All*	Clothing and bedding exchange (2020) <i>Launch a pilot clothing and bedding exchange for people experiencing homelessness to keep the textiles from becoming waste</i>	\$50,000	\$68,477	Completed in June 2023 100% of funds disbursed
Interstate Trucking Academy*	Waste industry diversification enterprise (2018) <i>Outreach and staff to expand training program for careers as garbage and recycling truck drivers</i>	\$140,000	\$23,244	Program portion completed Jan. 2020 29% of funds disbursed Capital portion of grant (\$100,000) was terminated due to grantee decision not to purchase garbage training truck.
James' Neighborhood Recycling Service	Expanding neighborhood collection events (2020) <i>Expand collection program for non-curb-side plastics by holding additional community collection events in underserved neighborhoods</i>	\$64,417	\$55,062	Completed in July 2022 100% of funds disbursed
JD's Shoe Repair	Repairers Onward: advanced training in repair skills (2022) <i>Staff time to develop shoe repair curriculum and engage in advanced training for new repair skills</i>	\$22,000	\$4,400	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Junk It Junk Removal*	Reclaiming lives through reuse (2023) <i>Comprehensive workforce development program to create new opportunities within the waste reduction and reuse industry</i>	\$60,000	\$12,000	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Lift Urban Portland	Improving food system equity (2023) <i>Staff time, supplies and gleaning vehicle upgrades to expand the organization's food rescue efforts residents with low incomes</i>	\$75,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed

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LoveOne	Increasing food recovery for rural Clackamas County (2023) <i>Staff time, supplies, and equipment upgrades to build capacity for a rural food pantry serving vulnerable food-insecure residents</i>	\$71,250	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Lovett Deconstruction	Full house deconstruction training program (2019) <i>New equipment and training for additional deconstruction team, with focus on hiring and supporting a diverse workforce</i>	\$66,316	\$16,579	Completed in March 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Lovett Deconstruction	Lumber resale project (2022) <i>New equipment and warehouse updates to improve the quality and reusability of reclaimed lumber</i>	\$54,500	\$54,500	In progress To be completed in July 2024 0% of funds disbursed
MCK PDX*	Building capacity for Milk Crate Kitchen (2023) <i>Staff time to support a volunteer-run program that gleans from local food sources and provides meals to food-insecure families</i>	\$32,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Resource Recycling Systems	NextCycle Oregon Feasibility Study (2023) <i>A study to determine the viability of developing a NextCycle program to support the circular economy in Oregon</i>	\$75,000	\$15,000	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Northwest Deconstruction Services	Truck and racks for re-use (2018) <i>New equipment to improve efficiency of transporting salvaged materials from major deconstruction projects</i>	\$67,000	\$0	Grant terminated due to grantee non-performance. 0% of funds disbursed
OKAPI Reusables*	Reusable food ware service expansion (2022) <i>Staff time and supplies to expand a new circular cup borrowing service to more local cafes and restaurants</i>	\$75,000	\$69,265	Completed in Aug. 2023 100% of funds disbursed
Oregon Food Bank*	Food recovery program expansion (2018) <i>Staff and equipment to expand food rescue and distribution services into new areas of region</i>	\$115,990	\$748,010	Completed in Jan. 2020 100% of funds disbursed
Outgrowing Hunger*	Upcycling rescued food (2023) <i>Equipment to transform food that would otherwise be wasted into value-added products to benefit underserved communities in East Multnomah County</i>	\$200,477	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 32% of funds disbursed
Park Trading Corp*	Building a network of recycling opportunities for cannabis packaging (2022) <i>Staff time to increase participation in a recycling program for plastic packaging from cannabis products that would otherwise be discarded as trash</i>	\$35,000	\$9,265	Completed in May 2023 100% of funds disbursed
Pioneer Recycling Services	Recycling sorting robots (2018) <i>New equipment to process materials with increased speed and better quality for end markets</i>	\$284,429	\$281,547	Completed in June 2020 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$281,547.

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Pioneer Recycling Services	Optical sorting of mixed paper (2019) <i>Install optical sorters to remove contaminants and improve quality of recycled paper bales</i>	\$712,500	\$1,887,500	Completed in March 2022 100% of funds disbursed
Portland Fruit Tree Project	Increasing capacity to harvest and share excess urban fruit (2022) <i>Staff time to develop a fruit tree index to plan for long-term growth and viability of Portland's fruit trees, resulting in less wasted fruit</i>	\$84,400	\$0	Completed in Oct. 2023 100% of funds disbursed
Pride Recycling Company	Recycling transfer station expansion (2018) <i>Infrastructure improvements to expand processing capacity for dry waste, yard debris and commercial food waste</i>	\$500,000	\$1,236,500	Completed in July 2020 100% of funds disbursed
Professional Business Development Group*	Building a culture of reuse for underrepresented contractors (2020) <i>Incentivize reuse practices of BIPOC and women contractors in partnership with ReBuilding Center</i>	\$50,000	\$0	Completed in Feb. 2022 100% of funds disbursed
ReBuilding Center	Equity and efficiency in reuse operations (2019) <i>Improvements to processing systems and hire new staff for salvage and resale of reusable building materials</i>	\$75,000	\$8,039	Completed in Dec. 2020 100% of funds disbursed
ReBuilding Center	A mobile classroom to bring home-repair classes to vulnerable communities (2022) <i>An electric van and equipment to deliver repair classes in underserved communities around the Metro region</i>	\$90,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 70% of funds disbursed
Recology Oregon Compost	Aumsville facility expansion (2019) <i>New equipment and infrastructure improvements at Aumsville facility to expand processing capacity for residential and commercial food scraps and yard debris</i>	\$712,500	\$1,153,500	Completed in March 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Recology Oregon Compost	North Plains facility expansion (2019) <i>New equipment and infrastructure improvements at North Plains facility to expand processing capacity for residential food scraps and yard debris</i>	\$712,500	\$1,345,251	Completed in Dec. 2022 100% of funds disbursed
ReDeploy*	Increasing salvage of usable items during junk pickup to redeploy into community (2022) <i>Staff time and warehouse costs to recover reusable household goods that would otherwise be discarded</i>	\$100,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in June 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Repair PDX	Repair education programming and outreach (2019) <i>Development and execution of repair skills programming and apprenticeships, in partnerships with schools and community organizations</i>	\$31,689	\$9,129	Completed in July 2022 100% of funds disbursed

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Repair PDX	Small appliance repair shop and education space (2022) <i>Staff time and rental space to pilot a small appliance repair education program for community members</i>	\$84,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
Re-Use Consulting	Building up an industry that takes down buildings (2020) <i>Training and support to expand capacity of BIPOC and women deconstruction contractors</i>	\$48,000	\$24,000	Completed in March 2022 100% of funds disbursed
ROSE Community Development*	Multifamily composting initiative (2020) <i>Pilot program for composting food scraps for communities of color at multifamily housing sites</i>	\$23,200	\$0	Completed in July 2022 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$16,900.
Sabin Community Development Corporation*	Pass it On reuse and upcycle program (2023) <i>Staff time and equipment to remove barriers for residents to donate furniture and household items that can be reused</i>	\$26,828	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Salvage Works	Wood shop expansion (2019) <i>New equipment to expand custom furniture wood shop that transforms reclaimed lumber into high-quality furniture</i>	\$58,772	\$14,516	Completed in March 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Salvage Works	Expansion of high-demand product made from reclaimed fencing (2020) <i>Expand production of rustic wall paneling made from reclaimed fencing materials</i>	\$49,525	\$21,640	Grant terminated as Salvage Works went out of business. 0% of funds disbursed
Sankofa Lumber*	Building capacity for new wood waste markets (2020) <i>Staff time and equipment to develop new commercial-scale markets for clean wood waste</i>	\$52,235	\$10,447	Completed in June 2022 100% of funds disbursed
SCRAP Creative Reuse	Community investment program (2022) <i>Staff time and supplies to provide outreach events in underserved communities and increase access to creative reuse opportunities</i>	\$21,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in Jan. 2024 90% of funds disbursed
SCRAP Creative Reuse	Expanding creative reuse for youth and adults (2023) <i>Staff time, supplies and event support to increase creative reuse programs that benefit underserved communities</i>	\$45,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
SnowCap Community Charities	SnowCap's Covenant Campus to increase clothing reuse for underserved communities (2022) <i>Construction of a new facility to provide space for SnowCap's clothing reuse program and other services</i>	\$100,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 0% of funds disbursed
The Arc Portland Metro	Where reuse and neurodivergent intersect (2023) <i>New staff to increase local reuse of donated items and to create opportunities for neurodivergent individuals</i>	\$90,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed

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The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization*	Reuse to support immigrants and refugees at the New Beginnings Market (2023) <i>Staff time to support a reuse program for furniture and household items that benefits immigrants and refugees</i>	\$100,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
University of Portland	Intelligent curbside recycling (2019) <i>Installation of intelligent robotic platforms on collection vehicles to quantify the composition and contamination of residential curbside recycling</i>	\$74,774	\$76,346	Completed in Aug. 2022 86% of funds disbursed (pending final invoice for reimbursable grant funds)
Urban Gleaners*	Food recovery expansion and engagement project (2018) <i>New equipment, facility upgrades and staff to expand food waste recovery and test a “closed loop” delivery program</i>	\$103,779	\$92,311	Completed in Jan. 2020 100% of funds disbursed
Urban Gleaners*	Second shift food rescue initiative (2019) <i>Staff to expand operation to repurpose discarded food into nutritious meals for families in need</i>	\$73,872	\$24,690	Completed in July 2021 100% of funds disbursed
Urban Gleaners*	Expanding food recovery and redistribution for food insecure families (2023) <i>Staff time, equipment and a new van to increase the volume of food rescued and redistributed to food insecure families</i>	\$100,000	\$0	Just started in Sept. 2023 50% of funds disbursed
Urban Gypsum	Pelletizing system for drywall waste reduction (2019) <i>New equipment to process recycled drywall into pellets for reuse as agricultural and industrial products</i>	\$465,452	\$465,452	Completed in June 2022 90% of funds disbursed (pending final invoice for reimbursable grant funds)
Urban Gypsum	Waste reduction specialist (2019) <i>Hire a Spanish and English-speaking specialist to increase supply of recovered drywall from construction sites for processing for reuse</i>	\$75,000	\$16,200	Grant terminated due to grantee non-performance. 0% of funds disbursed
West Tuality Habitat for Humanity	Construct a covered outside area to promote year-round shopping for reused items (2022) <i>Increase the amount of goods and building materials that are reused by expanding the ReStore’s retail area</i>	\$50,000	\$0	In progress To be completed in July 2024 75% of funds disbursed
Wisewood Energy	Building the waste wood-to-energy ecosystem in Portland (2018) <i>Feasibility assessment of biomass heat systems at five businesses as replicable clean energy alternatives to disposing waste wood</i>	\$50,000	\$53,525	Completed in Jan. 2020 100% of funds disbursed