

JOIN THE GRANTS REVIEW TEAM!

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Metro is recruiting people to review Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants. Members of the committee will help to recommend up to \$5 million in grants to community organizations and groups seeking to support and create partnerships in local communities. These grants support community-led projects that benefit historically marginalized communities, protect and improve water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, support climate resiliency and/or increase people's experience of nature at the community scale. Chosen projects will emphasize community engagement, racial equity and climate resilience.

It's important to have a broad diversity of experience and backgrounds represented. Grant applicants are eligible to serve on the review committee; reviewers must disclose any conflicts of interest. The Metro Council makes all final funding decisions.

To apply, send a simple email and attach a resume describing your background and experience.

For more information about the Nature Neighborhoods capital grants, please see oregonmetro.gov/grants.

INTERESTED IN REVIEWING GRANTS?

Metro is looking for people with backgrounds in Water quality and habitat restoration, Landscape architecture, Real estate, Community development, Workforce development, job training and apprenticeship programs, Climate adaptation and resilience policies and practices, Sustainable development techniques, such as green infrastructure, sustainable agriculture and carbon sequestration.

In selecting members for this committee, Metro seeks a mix of members that are committed to Metro's parks and nature mission and to supporting opportunities for communities of color and other historically marginalized communities to design and build access to nature for their communities.

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE DUTIES

- Serve a one-year term with an opportunity to be reappointed.
- Review approximately 10 pre-applications in March 2024, and 10 full applications in May 2024.
- Evaluate applications based on the information submitted; the purpose, goals and evaluation criteria; and the review committee's professional and collective judgment.
- Attend two review committee meetings (4 hours each) and site visits of proposed projects (optional).
- Develop funding recommendations together with other review committee members.
- Provide feedback to staff about ways to strengthen the grant program administration and outcomes.

EMAIL STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND A RESUME

To apply for the capital grants review committee, send a simple email and attach a resume or fill out this [2024 online form](#) describing your lived or professional background and experience to the grants program manager, [Crista Gardner, cristagardner@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:crista.gardner@oregonmetro.gov). Metro staff will begin reviewing committee applications **January 15, 2024**.

Why are you interested in serving on the capital grant review committee?

- **Experience:** What lived or professional experience, knowledge and skills will help you to evaluate whether community organizations and groups meet the grant purpose to improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, or connect people to nature and the grant criteria of meaningful community engagement, racial equity and climate resiliency?
- **Conflict of interest:** Are you or your immediate family a staff member or board member of an organization that plans to submit a grant application? Grant applicants are eligible to serve on the review committee, but will excuse themselves from the scoring and the committee discussion of that grant (pre) application.
- **Availability:** In order to serve on the grant review committee, you must attend the two grant review meetings for four hours each at the Metro Regional Center in Portland or online on Zoom. Are you available to do so on **Tuesday, March 19 and May 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.?**

Resume

Please attach a resume or statement of lived or professional background and experience that reflects your relevant experience and skills.

WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

February, 2024	Pre-application due
February 2024	Review committee reads and scores pre-applications
March 19, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Pre-application grant review meeting
March 2024	Successful pre-applications invited to submit full applications
April 2024	Full applications due to Metro
May 2024	Review committee reads and scores full applications
May 28, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Grant review committee meeting
Summer 2024	Grant awards announced
Summer 2024	Metro Council votes on grant awards