



# Disaster Debris Management grant

Round one application guide: Residential assistance funding for January 2024 severe weather event

## APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Metro's Disaster Debris Management grant program provides local governments with funding to support post-disaster debris cleanup. Metro's chief operating officer determined the severe weather event that occurred Jan. 12-19, 2024 to be a qualifying disaster for the program.

Beginning March 13, 2024, local governments within the Metro region are eligible to apply for funding to support residential disaster debris cleanup for the January 2024 severe weather event. Funding is available for assistance that was already provided as well as planned efforts. Planned efforts must be provided by July 31, 2024.

Metro expects to release a second round of grant funding and will provide more information when available.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted using the online form available on the [Disaster Debris Management program](#) webpage. Applications will not be accepted via email or paper submission. Applicants are limited to one application per jurisdiction, per funding round.

### Application timeline

The application will close at 5 p.m. on April 3, 2024. Awards are expected to be announced within 30 days of the application close date.

### Available funding

A total of \$150,000 is available for this round of disaster debris funding across all jurisdictions.

### Award amount

Grant awards of up to \$20,000 are available for qualifying jurisdictions.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements and qualifications. If the number of applications received exceeds the amount of funds authorized for round one, Metro will prioritize applications based on the values and goals outlined in the [2030 Regional Waste Plan](#) including a focus on advancing equity.

### Eligible applicants

This grant is for local governments only. Individuals, nonprofit organizations, businesses, universities and other types of public or private organizations are not eligible to apply.

### **Eligible jurisdictions**

The 24 cities and three counties located within or partially within Metro's [jurisdictional boundary](#) are eligible to apply. Jurisdictions located outside the Metro boundary but within Metro's watershed are not eligible.

### **Eligible expenses**

Grant funding may be applied toward expenses for residential debris cleanup assistance that was already provided in response to the January severe weather event as well as planned efforts to be provided by July 31, 2024. Eligible expenses must be related to supporting debris cleanup operations on residential property in the jurisdiction. Examples of qualifying assistance include free or subsidized residential services such as debris disposal drop boxes and vouchers for households to use commercial debris disposal sites. Labor costs for administering residential assistance are eligible if they are above and beyond routine budgeted costs, such as temporary labor and backfilling for staff assigned to the residential assistance work.

### **Qualifying debris**

Woody, vegetative, construction and demolition debris generated as a direct result of the January 2024 severe weather event and located on residential property are eligible for the funding.

### **Intergovernmental agreements and reporting**

Successful applicants will be required to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Metro detailing the amount of funding granted and all conditions that the applicant must comply with to receive the funds. Applicants must agree to submit a report following completion of the work including costs, details on people served, impact of assistance provided and operational details of the assistance program.

## **ROUND TWO**

Metro is awarding grant funding in two rounds due to the uncertainty of the availability, timing and details of Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) funding that could assist local governments with disaster debris costs for the January 2024 severe weather event. Round two funding is expected to include the "local share" – the portion of FEMA-eligible debris management costs that jurisdictions are required to cover – and may also include other debris management costs incurred by the jurisdiction that are not FEMA-eligible. More information on the round two funding application will be provided once details on the FEMA reimbursement become available.

## **ABOUT THE DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

Metro oversees greater Portland's garbage and recycling system, ensuring that all solid waste generated in the region is managed in a way that protects public health and safety while safeguarding the environment. This work includes planning and coordinating the management and disposal of debris generated by a disaster.

In 2022, Metro Council approved the Disaster Debris Management grant program, recognizing the importance of local economic recovery following a disaster.

This program is designed to reduce the financial impact of a debris-generating incident on local governments in the Metro region, especially when the volume of debris overwhelms existing solid waste infrastructure.

## CONTACT

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