



WASTE PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES HB 5202 REGIONAL CLEANUP PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

On February 28, 2022, House Bill 5202 was approved by the State of Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kate Brown, providing \$10 million to Metro for cleanup of public spaces in the greater Portland area. Metro began allocating this funding for the expansion of existing internal programming as well as to local jurisdictions, nonprofits and other community-based organizations engaged in cleanup efforts to demonstrate significant impacts throughout the region. At the direction of the State of Oregon, these funds were not used for activities associated with campsite removal or to backfill existing funding. Metro developed an allocation strategy in April 2022 to support three primary categories:

- 1) Expansion of cleanup crews along Oregon Department of Transportation rights-of-way.
- 2) Investments in partner-led regional cleanup efforts.
- 3) Targeted removal of key problematic dumped items.

On August 10, 2022, Metro received the \$10 million in funding from the State of Oregon and actively partnered with local governments, nonprofits, community-based organizations and businesses to clean up garbage, litter and graffiti in the greater Portland area. As of June 30, 2024, all \$10 million of this funding has been allocated or spent for cleanup efforts throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

The five community-based organizations who received funding include Adopt One Block, Clean Camp PDX, SOLVE, Trash for Peace and Cultivate Initiatives.

PROJECT MILESTONES AND TIMELINE

2022

- **February** – House Bill 5202 passes legislation.
- **April**– Project scoping and stakeholder engagement begins.
- **May** – Local government and community-based organizations invited to propose projects for funding, recipients selected.
- **June** – Contracting with local governments, community-based organizations began; cleanup efforts initiated regionwide.
- **August** – Funding distribution began; contracting with state agencies and Rapid Response BioClean began.
- **September** - Sakrissa and Alert, two large military vessels, towed from Columbia River, Rapid Response BioClean began litter cleanup along ODOT highway corridors.

- **October** – Launched project webpage to bring visibility and transparency to public audiences about funding initiatives and activities.
- **November** – Selected vendor to purchase sharps collection boxes.
- **December** – Bulky waste collection program through City of Portland funded.

2023

- **January** –All local government funding dispersed.
- **February** –Boat turn-in pilot program launched; expanded service areas for litter cleanup along ODOT highway corridors.
- **April** –Regional Refresh Fund milestone; committed \$300,000 in micro-grants.
- **May** – Amended contracts and scopes of work with local governments and community-based organizations to extend deadlines through 2023.
- **June** – Signage and sharps collection box design finalized, purchased sharps collection boxes; allocated underspent funding from Rapid Response BioClean contract to My Brother’s Keeper to support Metro’s RID Patrol litter cleanup efforts.
- **July** – Allocated additional funding to Regional Refresh Fund for continued micro-grant offerings.
- **October** – Boat turn-in pilot program ended; Rapid Response BioClean concluded their litter cleanup efforts along high-use highway corridors and properties managed by Oregon Department of Transportation.
- **December** – Awards to nonprofits and community-based organizations fully expended and activities concluded; five of eight local governments also concluded their cleanup activities.

2024

- **April** - Began amending contracts with local governments to continue cleanup efforts through the end of calendar year 2025.
- **June** – Concluded dumped and abandoned boat cleanup activities; expended funding for contract with My Brother’s Keeper crews supporting Metro’s RID Patrol litter cleanup activities.

ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURES *(through June 30, 2024)*

Adjusted Allocations	Spend to Date	Activities for Funding Use
\$2,580,000	\$2,580,000	Addressing abandoned and derelict vessels within waterways and on land, reducing significant environmental and social impacts
\$2,611,263	\$2,611,263	Cleaner roadsides by contracting with Rapid Response BioClean to clean up dumped trash along high-use highway corridors maintained by Oregon Department of Transportation and My Brother’s Keeper to clean up dumped trash across the Portland metropolitan area

\$2,084,520	\$2,084,520	Cleanup of trash in our streets and neighborhoods by partnering with local governments
\$1,010,000	\$1,010,000	Funding for non-profit partners and community-based organizations focused on regional cleanup efforts
\$800,000	\$39,804	Funding to pilot a sharps collection services expansion throughout greater Portland to inform future program development
\$100,000	\$100,000	Expansion of bulky waste collection events led by Metro partners
\$659,082	\$452,899	Expansion of Metro's Regional Refresh Fund sponsorship program
\$155,134	\$155,134	Project administration and limited duration staffing support

DETAILED ACTIVITIES BY FOCUS AREA *(through June 30, 2024)*

Purpose	Activities
Derelict vessel disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two large military vessels towed and disposed, 66 tons of waste disposed • 159 dumped and abandoned boats removed from public spaces • 107 boats safely disposed through the boat turn-in pilot program, 37 were hardships • Five paid advertisements in culturally specific newsletters promoting boat turn-in program
Litter cleanup along ODOT highway corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,800 miles of highway serviced (sites visited at least once per week) • 398 tons collected
Local Governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,107 litter cleanups • 605.65 tons of waste collected • Three bulky waste events, bulky waste scheduled pickups serving 85 unique communities • 222 abandoned recreational vehicles towed and disposed • 1,990 graffiti cleanups • 102,485 bulky waste vouchers issued, 299 redeemed • 3,928.5 supportive employment hours provided to people with lived houselessness experience
Community Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,773 litter cleanups • 1,365 tons of waste collected; 11 tons diverted for reuse • Supportive employment opportunities offered to people experiencing houselessness

Regional Refresh Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded \$386,767 in sponsorships • 1,416.85 tons of waste collected • 66 bulky waste collection events • 82 litter cleanups • 25 graffiti abatement projects • Two recycling projects
Bulky Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 61.86 tons of bulky waste collected • 11 events in equity focus areas
Sharps Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocated \$800K and developed plans to pilot expanded sharps collection box services throughout greater Portland to inform future development. Plans were developed in consultation with local governments and community partners • Finalized design for signage on sharps collection boxes • Began development of tools and technologies related to data collection and metrics • Began stakeholder engagements to identify long-term servicing and maintenance costs; location placement across the region
Project Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of tools to collect metrics • Project webpage • Personnel services • Advertisement of available programs and publications of news stories

DETAILED CITY AND COUNTY ACTIVITIES (as of June 30, 2024)

Jurisdiction	Funded	Milestones
City of Beaverton	\$299,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19.27 tons of waste collected • 658 cleanup events completed • 1,500 graffiti abatements
City of Gresham	\$240,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 190.25 tons of waste collected • 30 abandoned recreational vehicles towed and disposed of • 950 cleanup events completed in equity focus areas including multifamily, street sides and rights-of-way • 210 bulky waste vouchers issued, 17 redeemed

City of Hillsboro	\$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 tons of waste collected from hotspot areas, rights-of-way and public spaces • 1,305 cleanup events completed • 3,768 hours of supportive employment provided to persons with lived houselessness experience
City of Portland	\$400,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 143 abandoned recreational vehicles towed and safely disposed • 90 graffiti abatements, 34,823 square feet of graffiti removed
City of Troutdale	\$230,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46.6 tons of waste collected • 119 cleanup events completed • 2 bulky waste collection events • 1 recreational abandoned recreational vehicle disposed
City of Tualatin	\$18,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26.4 tons of waste collected • 400 graffiti tags cleaned from park buildings and equipment, road signs and fences • 3 neighborhood cleanups • 1 bulky waste event
Clackamas County	\$300,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 185.5 tons of bulky waste and trash collected from 85 multifamily affordable housing communities and neighborhood cleanup events • 6 neighborhood trash removal events, 31 volunteers • 48 abandoned recreational vehicles disposed
Washington County	\$296,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99.63 tons of waste collected • 66 cleanup events • 160.5 hours of supportive employment provided for persons with lived houselessness experience • 102,263 bulky waste vouchers issued to multifamily communities, 279 redeemed • 12 bulky waste vouchers issued to single family residences, 3 redeemed

DETAILED COMMUNITY PARTNER ACTIVITIES (as of June 30, 2024)

Jurisdiction	Funded	Milestones
Adopt One Block	\$75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 cleanups completed by 15 unique groups including neighborhood associations, communities, businesses, students and churches • 2 tons of waste collected
Trash for Peace	\$660,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 319 tons of waste collected; more than 11 tons diverted through reuse and repair • Held two large furniture redistribution pilots for residents living in supportive multifamily housing • 489 cleanup events completed; 48 with the use of electric tricycles and trucks purchased with cleanup funding • Acquired equipment to support the launch of a bagless trash pilot program
SOLVE	\$110,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22.46 tons of waste collected • 43 cleanup events completed • Partnered with LoveOne and Clackamas County to provide outreach to community members in need
Cultivate Initiatives	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 723 tons of waste collected • 935 cleanup events completed including bulky waste sites throughout East Portland and East Multnomah County • Increased comprehensive workforce development opportunities for unhoused neighbors re-entering employment
Clean Camps PDX	\$65,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 299 tons of waste collected • 252 cleanups completed • Increased capacity and expanded network of nonprofit organizations and local government partners