

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program
First Round Grant Awards
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$2.7 million

Project: Back 5 Garden Expansion
Grant Amount: \$101,381
Recipient: Leach Garden
Partners: Wisdom of the Elders, the Blueprint Foundation, David Douglas High School, and AYCO (African Youth Community Organization), Johnson Creek Watershed Council, National Society for Black Engineers PDX Chapter

Leach seeks a grant in support of opening its Back 5 property to the general public. Acquired in 2016, this 5-acre property has become a robust hands-on educational site in collaboration with organizations serving primarily BIPOC youth.

Project: 3-Creeks Restoration Project
Grant Amount: \$620,000
Recipient: Clackamas Water Environment Services
Partners: North Clackamas Watersheds Council, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District

The project will restore a deeply incised Mt Scott Creek in the 89 acre 3-Creeks natural area, enhancing habitat for threatened fish, improving community resilience to extreme weather, and connecting residents to nature.

Project: Future Generations at Tryon Creek
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Recipient: Friends of Tryon Creek
Partners: Oregon State Parks, Cultural Lifeways Community

Friends of Tryon Creek seek to create a new education space for the whole community within the urban forest, grounded in ancestral design.

Project: Connecting more people to nature by improving accessibility and education and gathering spaces at Hoyt Arboretum
Grant Amount: \$500,000
Recipient: Hoyt Arboretum Friends
Partners: Portland Parks & Recreation, Henneberry Eddy Architects, COLAS Construction

This project will increase connection to nature for visitors by improving accessibility while creating meaningful learning experiences in a unique global tree collection. Metro funding will support new outdoor classrooms or gathering spaces.

Project: Milwaukie Neighborhood Park Development
Grant Amount: \$350,000
Recipient: City of Milwaukie
Partners: Equity Steering Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, FACT Oregon, Boys & Girls Club of the Portland Metropolitan Area

The City of Milwaukie is requesting funds to finalize the design and construction of the City's remaining undeveloped neighborhood parks. The request will provide for design charrettes for play features with new and existing community partners.

Recommended for partial funding

Project: Gresham Civic Hub
Grant Amount: \$389,000
Recipient: Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon
Partners: Multnomah County Library, City of Gresham, Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA)

The Gresham Civic Hub project constructs a sustainably designed plaza brings the natural environment into an urban civic space. This creates outdoor space at the new East County Library to provide responsive programs with a wide community appeal.

Project: Hillside Park
Grant Amount: \$389,000
Recipient: Housing Authority of Clackamas County
Partners: Related Northwest, Northwest Housing Alternatives

Alongside the delivery of 275 units of affordable housing through the redevelopment of Hillside Park, HACC and its partners would like to complete a variety of green and recreational improvements to enhance the quality of life for residents.