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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 underserved groups.

This 2024 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. The projects have reduced waste in the region and will continue to benefit residents long after the infrastructure improvements and new programs are implemented. We estimate completed

grant efforts will remove a total of 153,210 tons of waste, which also includes increased capacity at some facilities 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 prevention, 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 \$13.3 million of their resources to these projects. This report includes data from **58 completed grant projects as of October 2024**. 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 underserved groups.

Types of grant projects

-  57 reuse and repair
-  15 recycling
-  6 composting
-  6 workforce and other

Equity benefits

24% of disbursed funding

spent on BIPOC*-owned businesses and communities

40 full time jobs

created for BIPOC individuals

\$1,346,771



Awarded directly to BIPOC-led groups

\$538,188



Spent on hiring COBID**-certified firms

\$920,667



Spent on services and partnerships for BIPOC communities

\$108,967

spent on developing career pathways for BIPOC employees

22 grants

incorporated services and partnerships for BIPOC communities

*Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

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Environmental benefits

32,474 metric tons

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



7,166

passenger vehicles from the roads each year



153,210 tons

of Metro area waste will be prevented or reduced

12% during the grant

88% future benefits

A note about the estimated reduction of 153,210 tons of waste: 12% was reduced during grant implementation, and the remaining 88% will be reduced due to Investment and Innovation investments that create future system capacity. For example, increased floor space and upgraded infrastructure and equipment allows for handling additional material at recycling and composting facilities in the 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.**

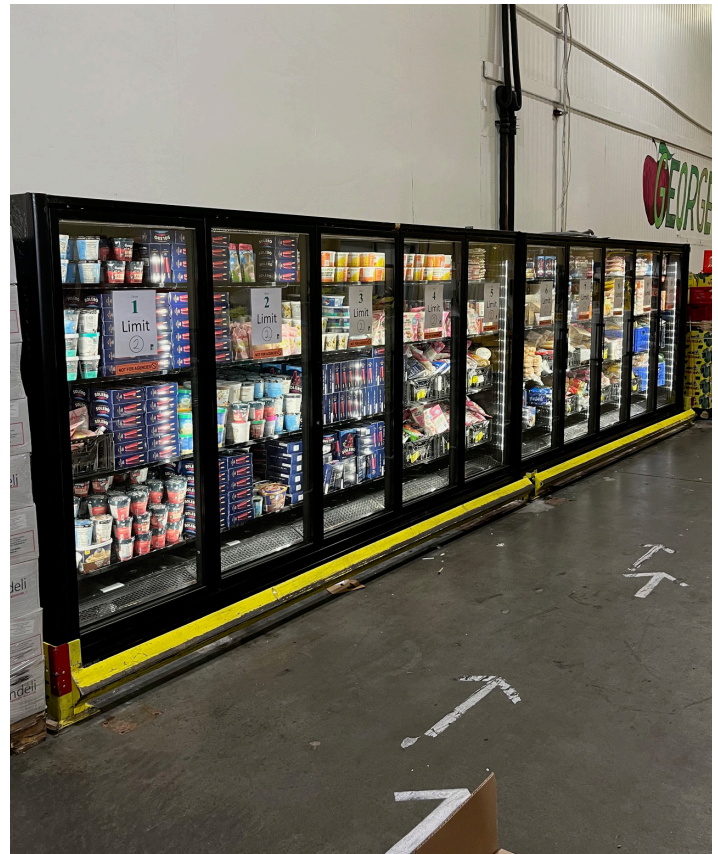
Grant project highlights

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 rescue nutritious food that would otherwise be thrown away. 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.

Refrigeration equipment prevents food waste and increases access to healthy and nutritious food for vulnerable families

Birch Community Services seeks to build a financially stable community by nurturing accountability and providing education and food. The organization’s Sustainable Families program provides financial literacy education and weekly access to the Birch Community Services warehouse. The warehouse provides families with high quality, nutritious food as well as household items. It is a bustling hub of food rescue, where more than 13 million pounds of food that would otherwise be disposed are donated and redistributed to families in need each year.

In 2024, Birch Community Services completed two grant projects that significantly increased the organization’s capacity to rescue and redistribute food. Metro grant funds were used to purchase a new refrigerated truck and a 10-door freezer to safely transport and store donated items. Together, these projects increased the organization’s annual food rescue capacity by more



New 10-door freezer at Birch Community Services

than 3,500 tons by ensuring all rescued food is kept at the proper temperature, preventing spoilage.

With the new refrigerated truck, Birch Community Services is able to serve 1,000 families per week, which is an increase of 120 families each week compared to the pre-project baseline. Birch Community Services works with 60 partner agencies that receive regular donations from Birch and in turn serve 50,000 people in underserved communities weekly. Partners include Potluck in the Park, Our Streets PDX, Mother and Child Education Center, Waste Not Food Taxi, DeRose Community Bridge and many other organizations.

Tool library removes barriers and increases educational opportunities that promote reuse and repair

For more than a decade, **Green Lents** has worked to build resilience in the greater Lents area through community outreach, engagement, education, and resource sharing. The organization runs a community tool library serving Lents and surrounding neighborhoods in East Portland, which include diverse



Birch Community Services' new refrigerated truck



Bicycle repair workshop at Green Lents

communities of color, immigrants and low-income families. Tool libraries help communities reduce waste and save money by offering a wide variety of tools for home and garden projects that can be borrowed at no cost to members.

Green Lents used an Investment and Innovation grant to expand access to the community tool library by removing barriers for residents that speak a language other than English at home. Staff developed educational and outreach materials using videos, illustration, and infographics to convey information without relying as much on written text. New signage and instructional displays in the tool library make it easy for anyone to find the right tools and learn how to use them safely.



Scanning a QR code for tool instructions at Green Lents

This visual navigation features QR codes throughout the tool library linked to a digital resource hub, which is fully integrated with translation for more than 100 languages. Visitors can navigate by text or image to find tool descriptions, safety guidelines, and curated short video tutorials.

Green Lents hosts regular workshops at the tool library, including some with instruction in Spanish. Workshop topics have included tool sharpening, power saw basics, drywall techniques, mending, leatherworking, bicycle repair, seed saving, native planting, cover cropping and more.

New Gresham donation center brings reuse services to underserved residents

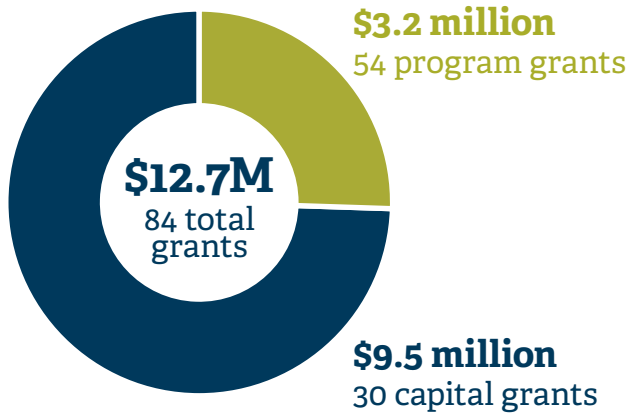
Community Warehouse provides donated furniture and household items to neighbors seeking the comfort and dignity of a furnished home while overcoming adversity. With support from an Investment and Innovation grant, the organization expanded into Gresham with a new donation center in April 2023. This is the organization's third location and brings important services to an underserved part of the region. The project was a collaboration with ReClaim It!, providing a space for other reuse organizations to co-locate and share resources for reuse and repair.



Community Warehouse team celebrating the new Gresham warehouse

Grant funds helped cover the cost of renting the warehouse and additional staffing to accept and redistribute household goods, including mattresses, tables, chairs, dressers, bedding and kitchenware. The new space provides Community Warehouse with more storage capacity for donations that come in during peak donation seasons so they can be fully stocked year-round and able to provide high demand items to the community members they serve. Community Warehouse received over 8,540 donated items during the first year of the new warehouse's operations.

Total grants awarded



30%
of grantees are BIPOC-led businesses and organizations or primarily serve communities of color

\$37 million
more requested than available

\$13.3 million
grantee contributions to grant projects so far

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. No new grants were awarded in 2024.

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 2024, nearly 70 percent of all grant projects have been completed. Most grants still in progress are anticipated to be completed 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 2024



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Investment and Innovation program assessment and update

In 2024, Metro engaged in a planning process to develop strategic funding priorities for the Investment and Innovation grant program. 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 2024

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 2024)
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	In progress To be completed in Aug. 2025 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	\$68,559	Completed in May 2024 100% 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	\$11,491	Completed in March 2024 100% 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	\$78,427	Completed in April 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Aug. 2025 67% 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	In progress To be completed in Aug. 2025 4% 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	\$127,656	Completed in Aug. 2024 Total amount spent to complete the project was \$96,725.32
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	Completed in Sept. 2024 100% 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	\$36,652	Completed in April 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	Completed in Oct. 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Aug. 2025 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 2026 73% 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 Dec. 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	Completed in February 2024 100% 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	Completed in Jan. 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	\$29,817	Completed in Jan. 2024 100% 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 100% of funds disbursed
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	\$9,500	Completed in April 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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 March 2026 12% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	In progress To be completed in Aug. 2025 33% 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.
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

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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 Dec. 2024 82% 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	\$169	Completed in Feb. 2024 100% 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
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	\$38,929	Completed in March 2024 100% of funds disbursed

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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	In progress To be completed in Dec. 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 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</i>	\$21,000	\$3,937	Completed in March 2024 100% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 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 2025 90% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 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 100% of funds disbursed
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	In progress To be completed in Feb. 2025 90% 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 100% of funds disbursed
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	\$25,560	Completed in March 2024 100% 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