



Disaster debris management grant

Round two application guide: local share funding for January 2024 severe weather event

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Metro’s disaster debris management grant program provides funding to support post-disaster debris cleanup for local governments. The Metro Chief Operating Officer determined the severe weather event that began on Jan 12, 2024, is a qualifying disaster for the disaster debris management grant.

Round one, launched in March 2024, focused on helping cover the costs for local governments to provide debris collection services to their residents. In the first grant round a total of \$33,150 was awarded to three applicant jurisdictions. Of the originally allocated amount, \$466,850 remains available to grant in the second round.

Round two of the Metro disaster debris management grant for the January 2024 extreme weather event is focused on costs incurred by local jurisdictions in the region in the course of managing debris generated by the event on public rights of way and other public property. The grants are intended to help cover the “local share” of costs that have been submitted for reimbursement under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) public assistance program. The local share, which is the portion of costs that FEMA does not cover, has been announced to be 25% for this event. Some jurisdictions in the region are not eligible for FEMA public assistance funds, however this grant is intended to cover up to 25% of those jurisdictional costs as well.

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 March 21, 2025 at 5pm. Metro expects to announce awards within 30 days of the application deadline.

Available funding

A total of \$466,850 is available to grant in the second round.

Award amount

Grant awards are capped at 25% of each jurisdiction’s Category A expenses submitted to FEMA during the preliminary damage assessment (PDA). For jurisdictions not eligible for public assistance (PA) reimbursement, eligible expenses include those submitted during the initial damage assessment (IDA). If the applications received exceed the amount of funds authorized for this disaster, Metro will use a prioritization process to allocate funds. An evaluation committee will assign points to each application based on financial and community impact, completeness of

application, and a social vulnerability index. Points awarded will be used to prorate the requested amounts. If the total of these prorated amounts still exceed the amount available, a proportional reduction will be made across the board to get to the available grant amount.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements and qualifications.

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 fully or partially within Metro's jurisdictional boundary are eligible to apply. Jurisdictions outside the Metro boundary, even if within the tri-county watershed, are ineligible.

Category A eligible expenses

Per FEMA guidance for debris removal, debris removal activities, such as clearance, removal, and disposal are eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Serve the public interest;
- Eliminate an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety; and
- Directly result from the declared disaster.

Qualifying debris

Woody, vegetative, construction and demolition debris generated as a direct result of the January 2024 severe weather event and located on public 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.

ABOUT THE DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Metro is responsible for managing greater Portland's garbage and recycling system, ensuring safe and environmentally sound waste management practices. 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.

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