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# Clean Neighborhoods Sponsorships Pilot FAQs

*Metro is piloting a sponsorship program in June, 2021 to provide funds for community cleanups. We are reaching out only to existing partners for a soft rollout while we continue to work out details. Thank you in advance for your patience, and please let us know what could make this better in the future!*

## 1. What are the goals of Metro's investment funds?

The primary goals of the community clean-up investment funds are to address immediate cleanup needs of the most impacted communities and advance the goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan ([2030 Regional Waste Plan](#)). Specifically, the program would support community groups, cities, counties and businesses for to assist with disposal and clean-up needs.

## 2. What are the criteria for requesting funds?

The primary criteria for the grant program include:

- Activities or events in the planning phase that support an immediate cleanup need
- This could include activities such as reducing dumping of large items, promoting proper disposal, or litter removal
- Activity or event that is in, or serves people living in, an equity focus area, or directly benefits another underserved group

*Please see a map of equity focus areas [here](#). We are developing a searchable map and will follow up with that link as soon as it's available.*

*([Metro's Regional Barometer : All equity focus areas : All equity focus areas \(oregonmetro.gov\)](#))*

## 3. Who can request funds?

- Any local government jurisdiction within the Metro regional boundary working in an equity focus area or benefitting an underserved group ([Metro Boundary Map](#))
- Any nonprofit organization within the Metro boundary doing related work in an equity focus area or benefitting an underserved group

#### **4. What is the amount available?**

- Amount varies depending on the size and scope of the project, event or series of events. Applicants will request the funds needed, generally \$2,500 to \$5000 per activity.

#### **5. How do I make a request?**

- Use this link to the Sponsorships Intake Form. Fill it out with all of the pertinent information at least 10 business days before the start of your event or project (in the pilot phase, if the event is sooner, please feel free to still submit the form with the understanding that funds will not arrive before the event).

#### **6. How are funds distributed?**

- Once the Sponsorship Intake Form is received and it is determined that the event(s) or project fits the criteria above, Metro will issue a check directly to the agency or organization

#### **7. What are the reporting requirements for the funds?**

- Please send some pictures or an email (or both!) that briefly recaps the event.

#### **8. Who can I contact for questions?**

- Submit questions to [AskMetro@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:AskMetro@oregonmetro.gov). Include the word Sponsorships in the subject line.