

Strategy Overview Metro Regional Cleanup Funds

House Bill 5202, approved by the Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Kate Brown, will send \$10 million to the Metro region for clean-up of public spaces. Metro will allocate funding for expansion of existing internal programming as well as that of local jurisdictions, state agencies, nonprofits and other community organizations engaged in cleanup efforts to demonstrate significant impacts by summer 2022.

How will funding be utilized?

The majority of funding will be used to address highly visible impacts of trash through removal of litter, dumpsites and other hard to dispose of materials such as abandoned boats and RVs. The remaining funds will support proper disposal of commonly dumped items (bulky waste, sharps and other hazardous materials), graffiti abatement, and environmental or community restoration needs. Funds will be utilized to expand existing efforts rather than backfill programs and services that already have budget allocation and will not be used to sweep houseless camps or upgrade buildings.

The table below outlines Metro's investment recommendations grouped into three main categories: expand cleanup crews (blue), invest in partner-led clean-up and mitigation (green) and target removal of key problematic dumped items (pink). Exact funding per line may shift as Metro continues to evaluate need.

Regional Cleanup Strategies – \$10M State of Oregon funding

Funding	Purpose	Example metric
\$3,000,000	Expand ODOT crews to clean-up trash along high-use highway corridors	Number of sites cleaned
\$2,000,000	Allocation to local governments for major projects	Equity focus areas served
\$1,000,000	Allocation to non-profit partners already focused on regional clean-up	Tons of waste collected
\$300,000	Expand Metro's Regional Refresh Fund sponsorship program	Area of ground restored
\$300,000	Expand bulky waste collection events led by Metro partners	Number of events
\$2,700,000	Support boat removal and develop takeback program	Number of boats removed
\$500,000	Procure and install sharps collection boxes	Number of sharps collected
\$200,000	Metro limited duration staffing for program administration	