



# Regional Refresh Fund

## Desired Outcomes

*The Regional Refresh Fund exists to support community-led efforts to **promote livability** and **improve solid waste service equity** in the Metro region by providing flexible, low-barrier funding for **immediate cleanup needs in underserved communities**.*

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1. Enhance community relationships
  - Establish relationships with new community partners
  - Enrich existing relationships with trusted partners
  - Increase touch-points with other Metro teams and resources like RID Patrol
  - Reduce funding barriers for community partners
2. Improve solid waste service equity in the region
  - Prioritize funding to communities underserved by the solid waste system in alignment with Regional Waste Plan and DEI goals
  - Reduce/remove barriers to proper disposal
  - Encourage more community-led cleanup efforts in the region as a result of access to low-barrier funding that can be flexibly applied to event/project expenses
3. Improve livability for vulnerable populations
  - Increase access to safe, proper waste disposal means for the region's houseless citizens, those living in low-income multifamily housing, and communities most impacted by uptick in litter and illegal dumping since start of COVID-19 pandemic
  - Encourage graffiti removal and building rehabilitation through partnership with MetroPaint