



2018 Metro Central Community Enhancement grants make a difference

Funded by a \$1 surcharge on each ton of waste at the Metro Central Transfer Station, located off of Highway 30 in Northwest Portland, these grants benefit the neighborhoods of Forest Park, Cathedral Park and Linnton; the Northwest District Association and the Northwest Industrial Area; and an area directly adjacent to the St. Johns Bridge. A committee of local residents review and select projects to fund. The Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee approved funding for 12 projects for 2018 grants, awarding a total of \$246,717. Project duration is one year unless otherwise noted.

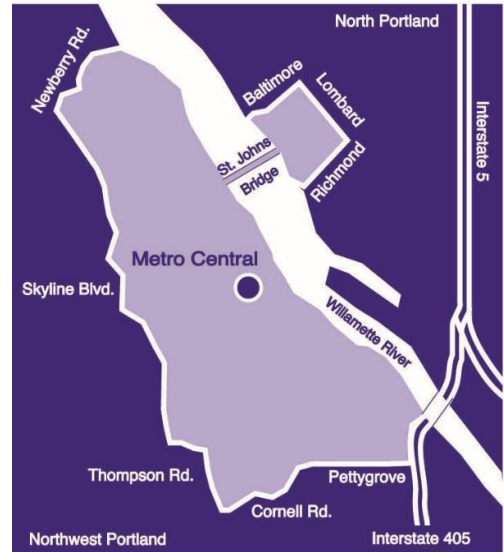
- [PPS Chapman Elementary School](#):
 - \$22,000 to support Reading Results, a program which provides a proven reading intervention program to first, second, and third grade students who are reading one to two grades below grade level; and
 - \$25,000 to build a playground on the Chapman Elementary School campus.
- [Community Alliance of Tenants \(CAT\)](#): \$50,000 for Low Income Tenant Power, to continue to support expansion of CAT's tenant education, empowerment and engagement services in NW Portland.
- [Forest Park Conservancy](#): \$15,000 for Building Community Stewardship, a program to recruit and train volunteers who play a key role in restoring Forest Park.
- [Friendly House](#):
 - \$40,000 for the Community Services Senior Program which supports older adults (with an emphasis on low income and under-served populations, including LGBTQ people) to live active, independent lives, with dignity, in the settings of their choice; and
 - \$16,275 for Friendly House Technology which will increase access to technology and technology comprehension for members of the Friendly House community, including students, homeless adults and older adults at their Slabtown location.
- [Hereford House Food Pantry](#): \$17,941 for Facility Rehabilitation and Food Pantry Operations Upgrade, including purchase of a cargo van to make food deliveries to clients, establishing a clothing reuse pickup area for clients of the food pantry, and other facility improvements.
- [Jazz Society of Oregon](#): \$2,500 to sponsor the 2018 Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, a free, three-day concert in mid-July held at the base of the St. Johns Bridge in the Cathedral Park neighborhood of Portland.
- [Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership](#): \$17,347 for the NW Portland On-River Recreation and Training Project to increase recreation opportunities, access to nature and provide on-river environmental education to 168 area residents, including low income residents and youth, through a series of Willamette River trips on the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership's two, 29-foot, Big Canoes.

- [Meals on Wheels People](#): \$10,000 to provide daily hot meals to elders served by the Elm Court Center in Portland, and home meal deliveries to homebound elders, approximately 200 of whom reside in the Metro Central Community Enhancement Grant Program target area.
- [Portland Festival Symphony](#): \$2,500 to sponsor the 2018 Portland Festival Symphony in Cathedral Park, free concert with a full orchestra in Cathedral Park in August 2018 which introduces children and families to classical music.
- [St. Johns Center for Opportunity](#): \$28,154 for the Food Equity Expansion at the St. Johns Farmers' Market, a program to pilot a food delivery service to elderly community members and those who experience disabilities; expand their Veggie Voucher program that provides low-income families with \$30 per month to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at the farmers market; and support two new emerging market vendors with business coaching and booth fee scholarships.

About the Metro Central Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program

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The Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee is comprised of representatives from four neighborhood associations and two other representatives from the community. The Metro Councilor from District 5, Sam Chase, serves as chair.



Map of target area for Metro Central Community Enhancement Grants.

Metro Central Community Enhancement Committee members, 2017 (2018 grant cycle)

Sam Chase, Committee chair	Metro Councilor District 5
Jennifer Jako	Forest Park Neighborhood Association
John Spencer	Northwest District Association
Billy Prince	Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association
Art Wagner	Linnton Neighborhood Association
Mary Peveto	Environmental community representative

The Metro Central Community Enhancement Grant program is one of eight grant programs in Metro's Solid Waste Community Enhancement Program which give a boost to neighborhoods affected by garbage transfer facilities. For more information visit www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-enhancement-grants.