



# Large scale community vision program:

Application resources and guidelines

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## LARGE SCALE COMMUNITY VISION PROGRAM: APPLICATION RESOURCES AND GUIDELINES

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Applications and pre-applications will be evaluated based on the information submitted, responsiveness to the grant's purpose, principles and criteria and the review committee's professional and collective judgment. The Metro Council will select projects and make all awards of all Large-scale community vision funding allocations. In making a decision, the Metro Council will review staff evaluations, site visit analysis, conditions of approval, and any other relevant information. It is up to the applicant to ensure the proposed project is sufficiently defined so the review committee can understand how well it meets the grant program purpose and evaluation criteria.

As potential applicants think about how their projects address the bond and program criteria outlined in the program handbook, please refer to the following resources below.

### PUBLIC PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

The local jurisdiction/public partner is expected to own and capitalize the final asset. Additionally, they will also fulfill the following roles and responsibilities in the project:

- **Leading government-to-government consultation:** Local governments are expected to lead government-to-government consultation with Tribes that have interest in the project area. Doing so is necessary to satisfy the requirement for meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities. See Tribal Government Engagement section below for further detail.
- **Holding fee title or easement:** Local governments are expected to hold a real estate interest in the site sufficient to comply with State law regarding bond expenditures.
- **Formal resolution in support of project:** Local government partners are expected to pass a formal resolution expressing support of the project. The form and timing of the resolution should be negotiated on a project-by-project basis in accordance with the needs of the project.
- **Ensuring project compliance with the following rules and regulations:**
  - Protections for Native American burial sites and objects (Oregon Revised Statute 97.740 et seq.)
  - Protections for archaeological objects and sites (ORS 358.905 et seq.), permit requirements for site alteration (ORS 390.325 et seq.), and permit requirements for state public and private land (Oregon Administrative Rule 736-051-0080 to 0090)

- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 United States Code 470 et seq.)
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 USC 470 et seq.)
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (25 USC 3001 et seq.)
- Other applicable local, state, and federal regulations

## CAPITAL COSTS

Capital costs as defined by [Oregon State Law 310.140](#) are directly related a project that meets the definition of a capital asset. This can include land and other assets having a useful life of more than one year, and costs associated with acquisition, construction, improvement, remodeling, furnishing and equipping.

## COMMUNITY DRIVEN ENGAGEMENT

The strongest projects are well thought-out and based on thorough research and planning and driven by meaningful community engagement.

Meaningful engagement means those who hold power and authority over outcomes share that power and decision making with members of the community who are most impacted by those outcomes. It is also an important first step in addressing racial equity. A thoughtful, inclusive approach to community engagement lifts up and gives power to voices that have been historically silenced. Because the needs and desires of historically marginalized groups have been overlooked for so long, it makes sense that extra care be given to addressing historic inadequacies in stakeholder engagement that influences investment decisions.

Below are resources applicants can reference:

- [Community engagement planning guide](#)
- [Community engagement toolkit](#)
- [Connect with Nature: Planning parks and natural areas with communities of color](#)
- [Culturally specific engagement and partnerships presentation](#)
- [Accessibility presentation](#)

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Metro's Tribal Liaison Office will notify Tribes about projects that are selected for large scale community visions program funding, in accordance with Metro's Tribal consultation and engagement best practices.

All projects will comply with applicable federal, state and local cultural and historic resource protection laws, including without limitation guidance provided by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the treatment and protection of Native American human remains. [A list of state and federal law and rules that apply to SHPO](#) processes is available. Tribes should be contacted to provide input and share expertise regarding natural, cultural and historic resources within the project area, and to help assure compliance with relevant laws.

Metro staff are available to provide technical assistance to facilitate Grantee's contact with Tribal historic preservation offices, natural resource offices, or consultation teams and any other matter related to cultural and historic resources. For technical assistance, Metro will rely on SHPO and best practices developed through consideration of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to assist and guide Grantee's development of the project in compliance with state law and best practices.

All projects which include ground disturbance will develop and implement an Inadvertent Discovery Plan, or IDP, in their project. A [template IDP](#) is available, and information for how to coordinate archeological resources work with Tribes is available on the Legislative Commission of Indian Services [website](#).

We encourage all applicants to engage interested sovereign Tribes in their respective projects, especially if the proposed project has the potential to affect tribal interests and priorities. If Tribal engagement will be part of your project proposal, please describe your engagement to date, and how it is planned to continue through the life of the project. If applicants would like assistance in identifying which Tribes they should invite to be involved in their project, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services can assist. Details for how to request this information are available on their website.

The program calls for "meaningful engagement of communities of color including Indigenous communities" on page eight of the program handbook. As a reminder, working with sovereign Tribes is distinct from urban Indigenous community engagement and applicants are encouraged to distinguish their engagement with Tribes as government-to-government engagement.

## **RACIAL EQUITY**

In addition to meaningfully engaging with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, will build on the engagement and apply a racial equity lens to projects and prioritize needs identified by BIPOC communities. With its focus on improvements to parks and natural areas, this bond also strives to advance racial equity by making public spaces safe and welcoming for historically marginalized communities. By doing so, park providers make these spaces safe for all park visitors. Below are resources applicants can reference:

- [Metro Parks and Nature racial equity, diversity and inclusion plan](#)
- [Anti-displacement and gentrification presentation](#) and [memo](#)

## EQUITY IN CONTRACTING

The bond creates an opportunity to promote shared economic prosperity throughout the region by ensuring the participation of underrepresented workers and contractors on capital projects. It is Metro’s goal to work with partner agencies to advance concrete strategies to support female and people of color workers and contractors on bond-funded capital projects. These goals are in alignment with Metro’s Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Metro Council-adopted Construction Career Pathways Regional Framework.

The [Construction Career Pathways](#) policy [framework](#) and toolkit outlines seven critical strategies to provide reliable career pathways for women and BIPOC people. These strategies were developed by the Public Owner Workgroup, which was comprised of 16 public agencies, and included significant input from industry and community stakeholders.

- [Metro’s construction career pathways program presentation](#)
- [Construction careers regional framework](#)
- [Contract equity and workforce equity presentation](#) and [memo](#)

## CLIMATE RESILIENCE CRITERIA

This bond measure identifies a variety of avenues for parks and natural areas to help buffer the effects of climate change, helping protect both our ecological systems and our built environment. Many actions supporting climate resilience provide multiple benefits that help meet other regional objectives also identified in this bond.

- [Metro’s climate resilience criteria](#)

## REPORTING

Grant recipients will be required to report on the progress and outcomes of the project throughout the project period. A final report will be required that includes full and final accounting of all expenditures, the value and source of matching funds, a description of work accomplished, volunteer hours and participation, project photos (including a photo of the signage acknowledging the large scale community vision program participation), and data on evaluation measures.

To evaluate the impact of the [2019 parks and nature bond](#), grant recipients will provide information about community engagement, contracting and workforce activities annually as part of their regular reporting and participate in brief interviews and surveys. More detail



about the parks and nature bond related reporting requirements will be articulated in the grant agreement.

Each park provider must submit an annual progress report on July 15, which details the progress, successes and challenges of each approved project and the ways it has met the principles and goals outlined above and in their IGA. Metro local share staff will provide guidance on what should be included in progress reports, consult with park providers throughout the year and make site visits as appropriate.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Below are sources that applicants may find useful in the preparation of full applications. Applicants are encouraged to use resources that strengthen their project and application materials.

**Regional Conservation Strategy:** This document organizes conservation strategies for the Portland metropolitan region by landscape types – natural area, working lands and developed areas – as well as strategies for biodiversity corridors and for species of special concern. This document will be helpful as you consider how a project advances biodiversity on a regional scale. It is available on the [Intertwine Alliance website](#).

**The Regional Conservation Strategy High Value Habitat viewer:** This [tool](#) shows the high value habitat across the Portland-Vancouver region and within any watershed, jurisdiction, urban growth boundary/area, or custom shape that you choose. It helps you visualize the relative importance of habitats within your project area.

You can also view summary statistics about the land cover, habitats, and parks and ownership in your selected area. Comparing the high value habitats with the other layers on the map can help prioritize conservation efforts. For example, if you view the parks and protected areas layer and the high value habitats at the same time, you can see which high value habitats are not currently protected. You can also determine whether any high value habitats exist that could connect currently protected habitats.

**Public school districts:** One source of local demographic data is the neighborhood schools. Each public school maintains data on the percentage of students eligible for the free and reduced lunch program and students participating in English as a Second Language program.

**Regional Equity Atlas:** Using maps, policy analysis, and community-based research, the [Equity Atlas](#) assesses how well different populations across the four-county Portland-Vancouver metro region can access key resources necessary for meeting their basic needs and advancing their health and well-being.

**MetroMap:** This is Metro's web mapping service where you can view and print maps or data specific to your area of interest. [MetroMap](#) allows you to view map-based information

about a location of your choice. View information on parcel and tax assessment, zoning, political boundaries, planning, flood plain and special districts. The results can be displayed in text-only format or on a map.

**Urban Growth Boundary tool:** Enter an address to see a map that shows whether a specific property is inside, was added to, or removed from the [Urban Growth Boundary](#).