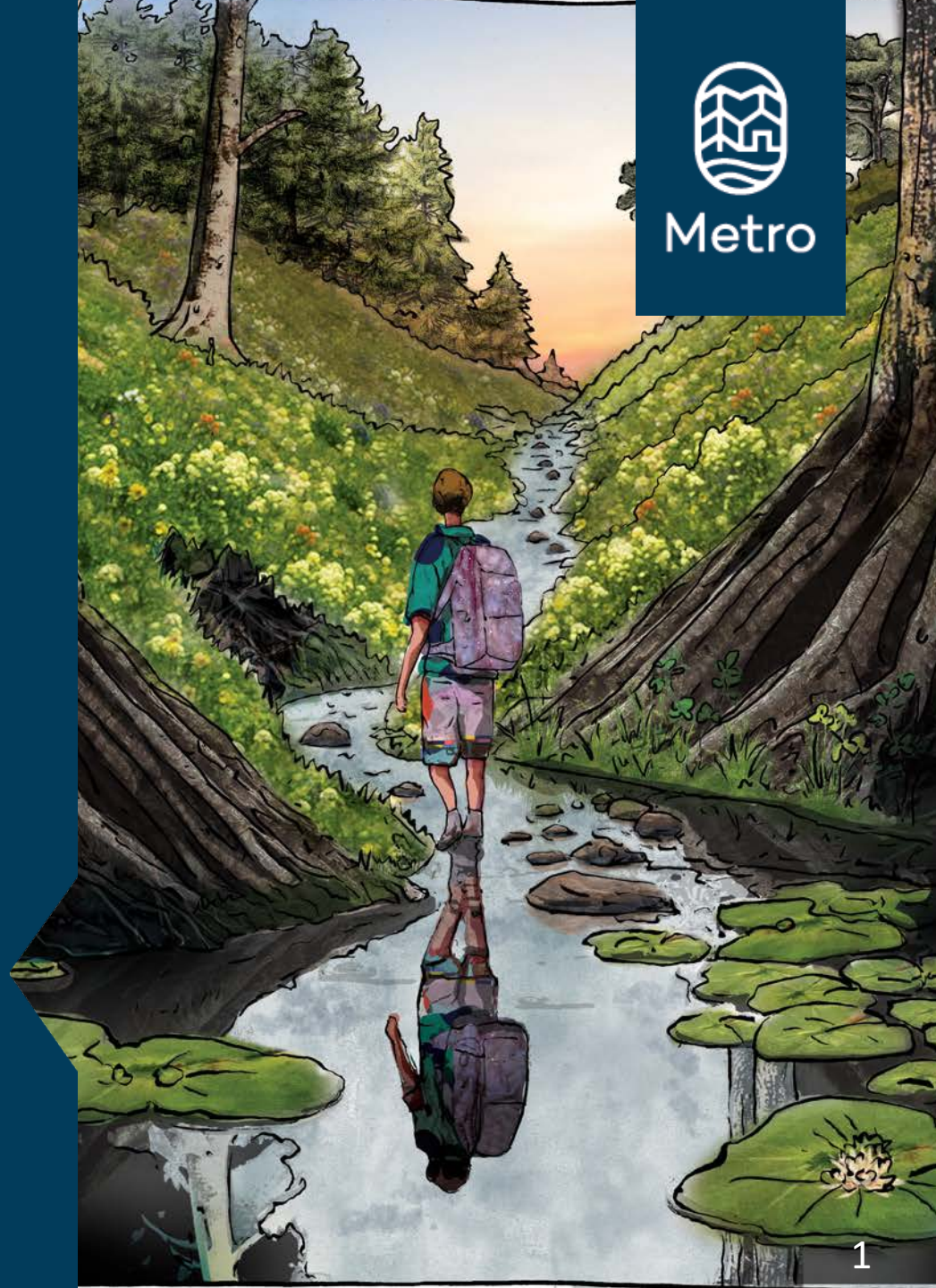


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- Funds projects that increase nature at the neighborhood scale
- Partnerships between public agencies and community organizations in housing, transit, transportation, library, health, school and others
- \$5.2 M through 2 rounds of capital grants to 12 projects (2023, 2024)
- \$2.3 M through the first round of community choice grants to 15 projects (capital grants pilot, 2024)
- 3rd round of capital grants (2025)
- 2nd round of community choice grants (2026)

# Discover more information

## **Guiding Document**

[Capital Grants Handbook](#)

## **Capital Grants Website**

[oregonmetro.gov/grants](http://oregonmetro.gov/grants)

## **Crista Gardner**

[crista.gardner@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:crista.gardner@oregonmetro.gov)



# 2025 Capital Grants

\$5 million available

Grant awards of  
\$100,000 to  
\$1,000,000

Up to five years total

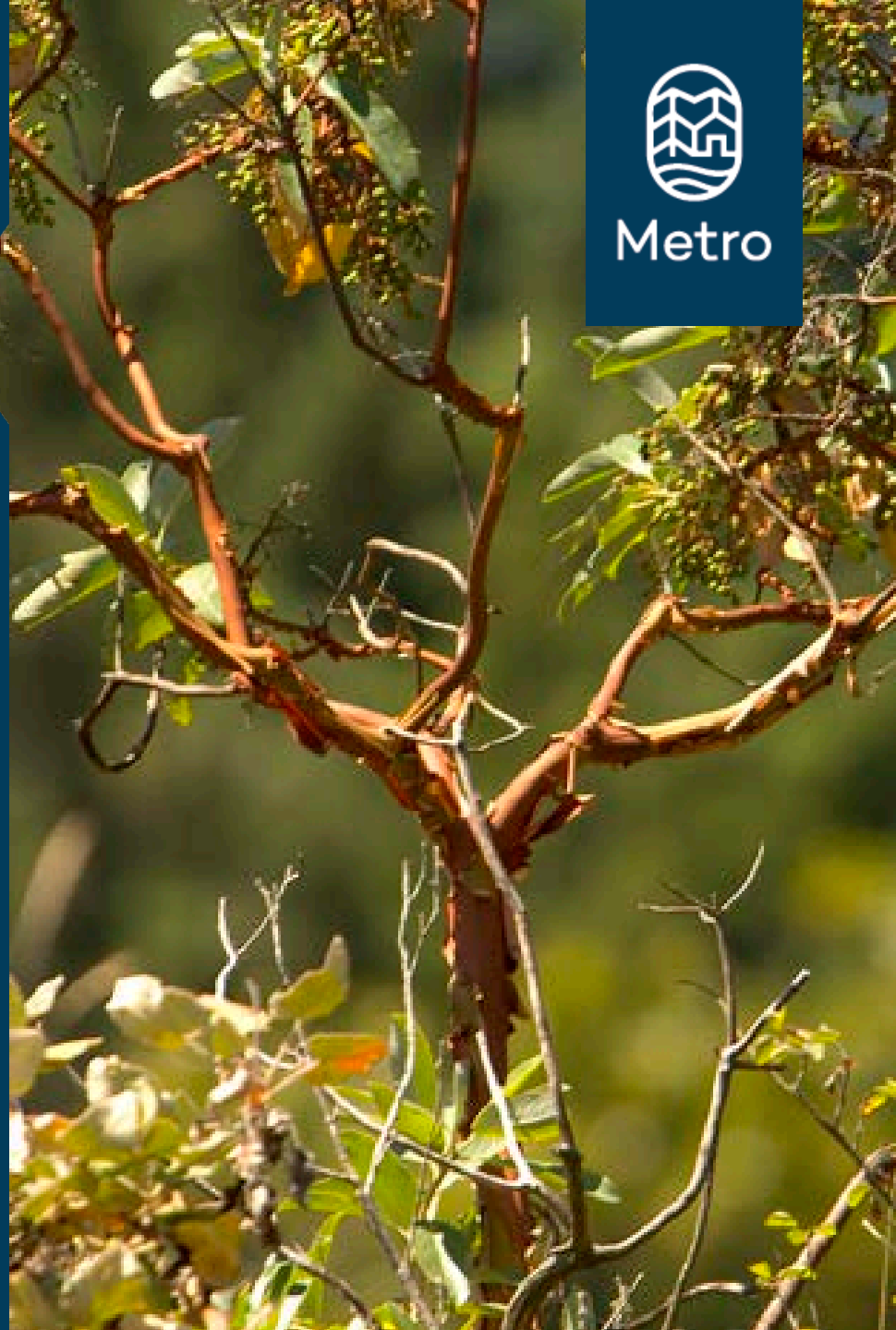
2:1 Match

33% project team

66% Metro



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# Capital Assets

## Capital Grants can only be used to fund capital projects.

- Partnerships between community-based organizations and public (non-federal) agencies.
- Final asset must be publically owned.
- Bond proceeds must be spent on capital costs.



## Land acquisition

Would privately owned property in your community make the next great neighborhood natural area?

## Urban transformations

Can a redevelopment project in your community go the extra step to integrate nature and habitat if more funding is available?

## Restoration

Is there a degraded stream, wetland or other habitat that needs to be restored in your neighborhood?

## Neighborhood livability

Can schools, parks or other public land in your neighborhood become a place for people to experience and enjoy nature?



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Urban Transformation: Gresham Civic Hub  
\$389,000 Tri-Met



Urban transformation: Hillside Park

\$389,000 Housing Authority of Clackamas County





Restoration: 3-Creeks Restoration Project  
\$620,000 Clackamas Water Environment Services



Neighborhood livability: Future Generations at Tryon Creek  
\$350,000 Friends of Tryon Creek

# Purpose

- To improve water quality, protect fish and wildlife habitat and connect people to nature

# Bond criteria

- Advance racial equity
- Prepare for climate change
- Conduct meaningful engagement



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# Community Engagement and Racial Equity Criteria

- Meaningfully engage with communities of color in planning, development and selection of projects
- Prioritize projects and needs identified by communities of color
- Demonstrate accountability for tracking outcomes and reporting impacts
- Improve the accessibility and inclusiveness
- Prevent or mitigate displacement and/or gentrification
- Workforce diversity and use of COBID contractors

# Climate Resilience Criteria

(Choose at least one)

- Protect, connect and restore habitat to support strong populations of native plants, fish and wildlife
- Protect and restore floodplains, headwaters, streams and wetlands
- Increase tree canopy
- Use low-impact development practices and green infrastructure
- Invest in the regional trail system to expand active transportation opportunities

# PN Bond Program Criteria Capital Grants (Choose at least one)

- Improve human mental and physical health
- Build wealth in communities of color
- People of color design and implement projects
- Nurture a relationship with land, create educational opportunities, promote environmental and agricultural careers
- Partner with Indigenous people
- Create accessibility for people experiencing disabilities
- Access to nature from transit, walking and biking
- Consider houselessness in a sensitive and humanizing way

# What is the timeline?

Pre-application due 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Full applications due Spring  
2025

Recommendation to Metro  
Council in Summer 2025

Grant agreements and  
notice to proceed by Fall  
2025 to Summer 2027



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Open Programs [How do I do this?](#)

## Open Programs

You must be logged in to start a new application.

### Local Funding Management for Transportation Projects

Planning and Development  
2/7/2023 - Organizations Only

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### 2023 Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Parks and Nature  
2/14/2023 - Organizations Only

Apply Preview

### 2023 Investment and Innovation Capital Grants

Property and Environmental Services  
2/23/2023 - Organizations Only

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### 2023 Investment and Innovation Program Grants

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### 2023-2026 Regional Travel Options Grants - Core + Emerging Partners Track

Planning & Development  
3/31/2023 - Organizations Only

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Application Status: Not Submitted

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### Program Summary

*(answers are saved automatically when you move to another field)*

**Program Name**

**Amount Requested**  
*Up to \$1,000,000* \$

**Estimated Match**  
*At least one-to-two match* \$

### Applicant Information

First Name

Last Name

Telephone

Email

### Organization Information

# Add key people to your application

## CEO/Executive Director

First Name	Grants
Last Name	Team
Title	tester
Email	naturalareasgrants@oregonmetro.gov

## Collaborators

*Collaborators can only edit application data (answers). They cannot submit, archive, or delete this application.*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Additional Contacts <i>(below)</i>					

### Additional Contacts for this Application

*Additional Contacts will be copied on all emails sent to the application owner regarding this application. Enter ONLY email addresses separated by a comma. No names. No titles. No phone numbers.*

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**1. Project summary (one paragraph, 255 characters)**  
Provide a brief summary that describes your program.

Maximum characters: 255. You have 255 characters left.

**2. Fiscal agent**  
If different than the lead organization. If no fiscal agent, please write "not applicable".

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**3. Property owner**  
Committed local or state government owner of the public asset.

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# Application questions on ZoomGrants

## **7. Project narrative** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Provide a narrative that describes the project. Explain why the program is important for your community and organization, such as how it fits your organization's strategic plan or mission.

## **8. Goals** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Describe how the project addresses the Nature in Neighborhood Capital Grants purpose, principles and program criteria.

## **9. Meaningful community engagement and racial equity** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Describe how the project address the Parks and Nature Bond criteria. How do communities of color and the community served help to identify the need for, design, and deliver this project?

## **10. Climate resiliency** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Describe how the project address the Parks and Nature Bond criteria and further the region's climate resilience.

## **11. Partnerships** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Show how partnerships and collaboration with other individuals, organizations and groups in your community will be formed, strengthened and extended through this program.

## **12. Organizational preparedness** (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Explain why your organization and your partners have the experience and capacity to conduct the program, including identification of key personnel, their roles in the program and their qualifications.

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## Document Uploads

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### Documents Requested \*

Provide a location/vicinity map that shows where the project and/or participating communities are located within the region, such as on Google Maps, MetroMap, Regional Equity Atlas, or the Regional Conservation Strategy viewer.

Please download and fill out the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants demographic form, which will not be used for the review of your grant application.

[Download template: Demographic Form](#)

### Required? Uploaded Documents \*

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# Application assistance

We are here to help!

Discuss your idea or draft proposal

Ask questions

[Meet with us!](#)



# Join the Grants Review Committee!

Metro is inviting community members to apply that:

- reflect the broad diversity of experience and background in the region
- Love parks and natural areas
- Want to support conservation and racial equity
- [Apply](#) on our website with a resume or statement of experience and interest
- [oregonmetro.gov/grants](https://oregonmetro.gov/grants)



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