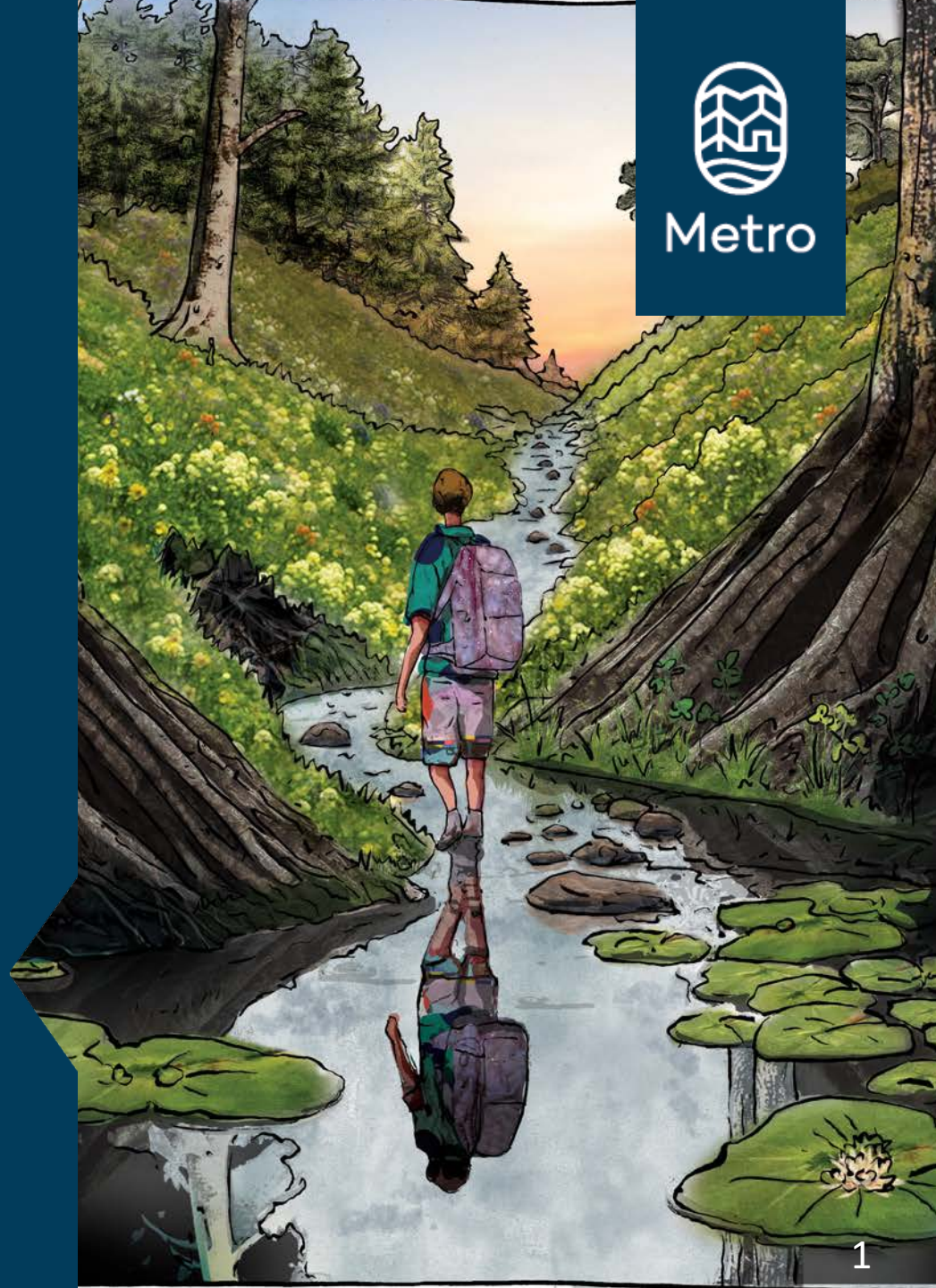# Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

Pre-application presentation

Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

- 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)

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Discover more information

Guiding Document

[Capital Grants Handbook](#)

Capital Grants Website

[oregonmetro.gov/grants](#)

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2025 Capital Grants

$5 million available

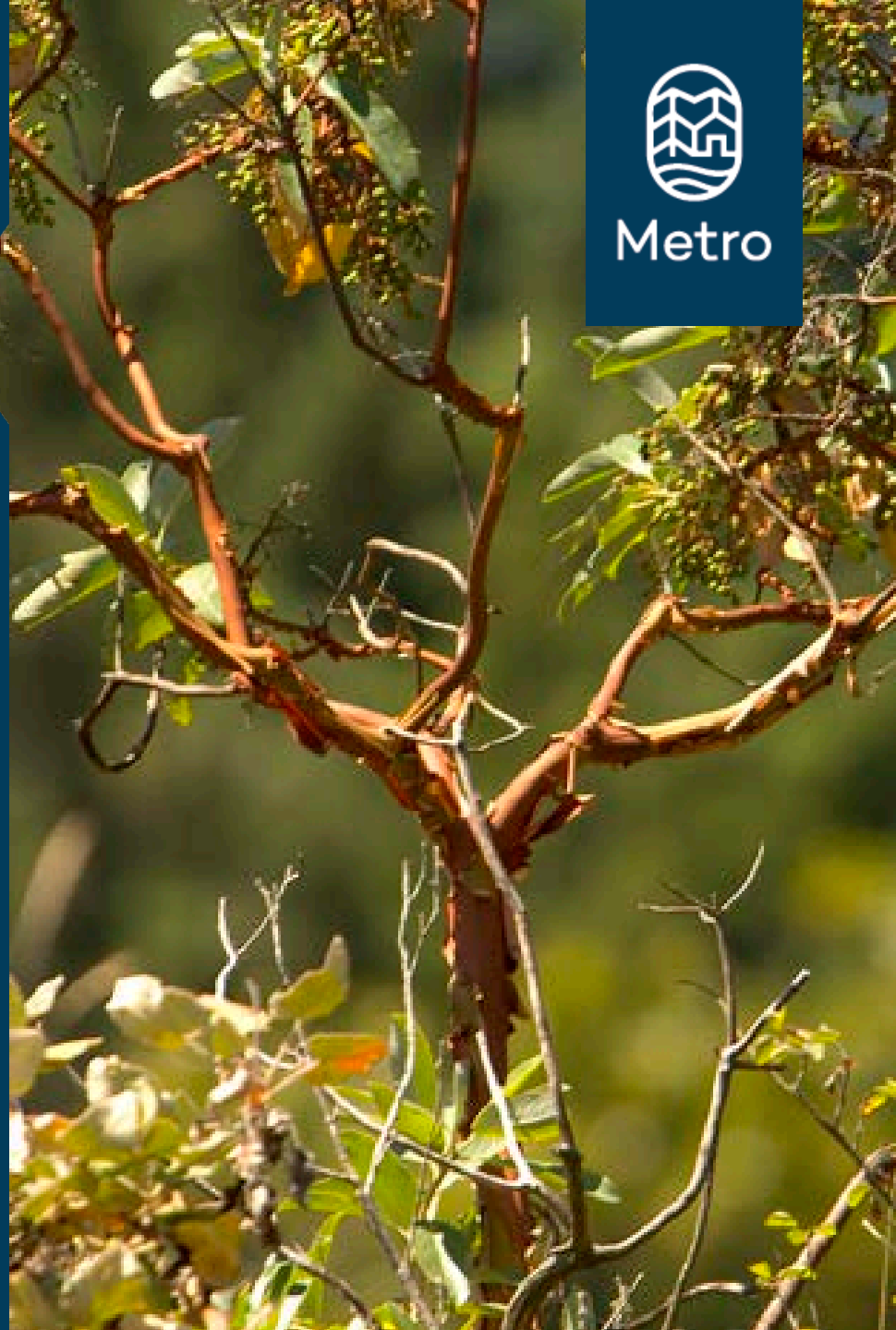Grant awards of $100,000 to $1,000,000

Up to five years total

2:1 Match
33% project team
66% Metro

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 livabilitiy: 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

Pre-application on Zoomgrants

ZoomGrants summary tab

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Parks and Nature

Deadline 2/14/2023

2023 Nature in Neighborhoods capital grants

[VIEW OPEN PROGRAMS] | [SHOW DESCRIPTION] [SHOW MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS] [SHOW PURPOSE AND GOALS] [SHOW LIBRARY] [CONTACT ADMIN]

Application Status: Not Submitted

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You must be logged in to begin.

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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.

Email Address	First Name	Last Name	Title	Editing Access	Status
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Email Address	First Name	Last Name	Title	☐	**Invite**
☐ Add to Additional Contacts *(below)*					

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.

Next

Application ID: 351903

Pre-application on Zoomgrants

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.

Uploads and submitting on Zoomgrants

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

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