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Nature education and outdoor experiences grants

Nature in Neighborhoods – October 2024

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Thanks to voters!

2022 Natural Areas
Levy renewal

Five-year levy



Diversity, equity and inclusion

Metro Council
2013 Levy
Resolution

Metro Racial Equity
Diversity, and
Inclusion Strategy

Metro Racial Equity
Diversity, and
Inclusion Action
Plans



Updates to the 2024 Handbook

Explicit focus on organizations that are based in BIPOC communities and other historically and systemically marginalized communities

Match requirement eliminated

Transition from a reimbursement-based payment process to a partial upfront payment process



The basics

\$750,00 available

Up to \$40,000 for
small grants

\$40,001 to \$74,999
for medium grants

\$75,000 to \$100,000
for large grants

Project length of up
to three years



Partnerships

Three partners
minimum

Leverage skills and
services

Maximize
inclusiveness

Creative
approaches



Minimum requirements

Who may apply

Financial

Location



Purpose

Nature education grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature.



Goals

Cultural equity

Environmental
equity

Economic equity



Cultural equity

People of all cultures, races and traditions connect with nature and with one another in the region's parks and natural areas.



Culturally Responsive Nature Education

Over a dozen partners, including:

Schools

Environmental education nonprofits

Watershed councils and riverkeepers

Oregon Zoo

City, Regional, State, and Federal government agencies



Environmental equity

Communities of color in greater Portland enjoy the benefits of conserving land, air and water and equitable access to safe and welcoming parks, trails and natural areas; communities enjoy learning about, helping restore, experiencing and connecting with nature and the region's natural areas.



Aves Compartidas Portland Expansion

Oregon Partners:

East Metro STEAM

Partnership, North Clackamas

Parks and Recreation District,

Friends of Trees, Candy Lane

Elementary, El Puente

Elementary, Davis Elementary,

OSU, UO, PSU

Mexico Partners:

University of Guanajuato,

Salvemos al Rio Laja, and

Audubon de Mexico



Economic equity

Communities of color prosper economically from the business of Parks and Nature in greater Portland.



East County Nature Education

Partners:

City of Gresham

Afro Village

East Multnomah Soil &
Water Conservation
District

Friends of Trees

Oasis Wellness Gardens



Review of pre-application

Peer review:

Project narrative and goals

Partnerships

Organizational preparedness

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Location and program reach



What is the timeline?

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| October 22, 2024 | Pre-applications due at 4 p.m. |
| November 15, 2024 | Successful pre-applicants invited to submit full applications |
| December 10, 2024 | Full applications due |
| January 24, 2025 | Grant award recommendations announced to applicants |
| Feb or Mar 2025 | Metro Council awards grants and funds become available |

Apply now

GRANTS AND RESOURCES

Nature grants

[Capital grants](#)

Nature education grants

Community stewardship and restoration grants

Local share

Parks and Nature community partnerships

Community enhancement grants

Community Placemaking grants

Civic engagement grants

2040 planning and development grants

Partnerships and Innovative Learning Opportunities in Transportation program

Regional Refresh Fund

Regional Travel Options program

Investment and Innovation grants

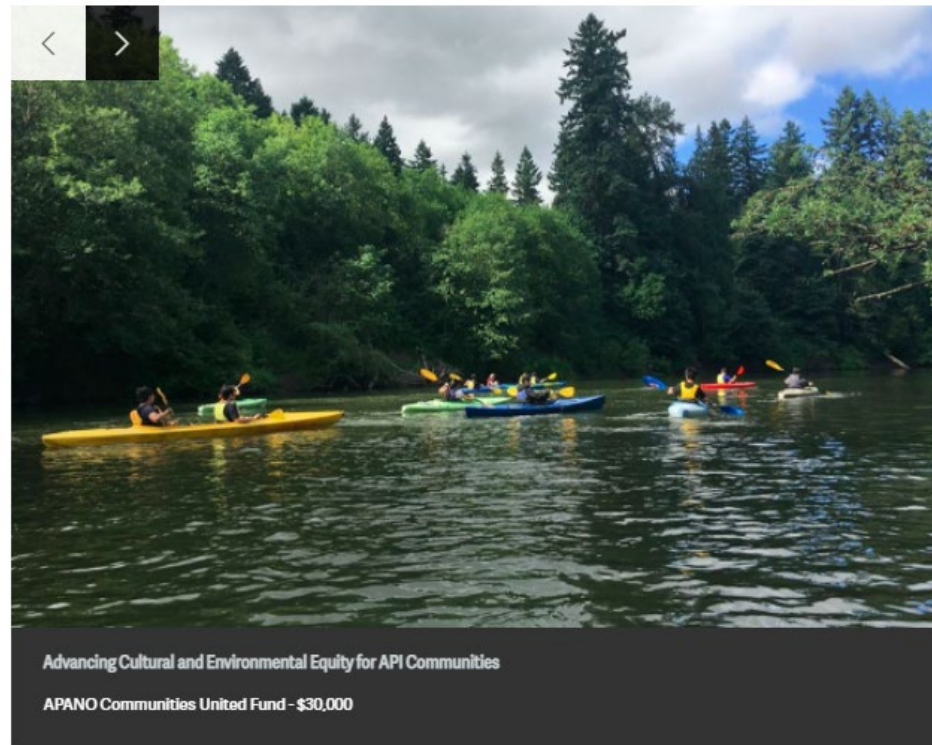
Brownfields assessment grants

Transit-Oriented Development Program

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Nature education grants

Connect people with nature in your community, with help from a Metro education grant.



Pre-application available now

Application assistance

We are here to help!

Discuss your idea or draft proposal

Ask questions

Meet with us through October 21, 2024

[Partnerships and social innovation program](#)

Regional Refresh Fund +

Regional Travel Options program +

Transit-Oriented Development Program

Sponsorship opportunities

Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods community grants provide opportunities to connect people with nature across greater Portland. The nature education grants are offered every two years.

Purpose of grants

Nature education and outdoor experiences grants support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature. These grants prioritize programs that advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion, make communities more resilient to climate change and include greater community engagement.

Funding is available for projects that promote cultural, environmental and economic equity. As examples, projects could:

- build relationships and partnerships that promote nature education and outdoor experiences by and for people of color
- increase the number of visitors and staff at parks and natural areas who represent diverse racial, ethnic and cultural groups and other historically and continually marginalized groups
- develop the capacity of organizations that serve people of color to lead nature education and cultural programs in parks and natural areas

Applications will open September 18, 2024

[Apply here](#)

Attend a Pre-application workshop - October 3, 2024

[10:00am-11:30am](#)

[5:30pm-7:00pm](#)

Sign up to talk about your program with the Program Grant Manager

[Schedule a time](#)

Stay in touch

Sign up for the Nature in Neighborhoods newsletter.

[Subscribe](#)

Learn about past projects

Past grantees have connected students to nature, created a nature park and given youth of color job trainings. That's just three of the dozens of project supported by Nature in Neighborhoods. [Read more](#) →

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Parks and Nature

Parks and Nature

Deadline 10/22/2024

2024 Nature in Neighborhoods nature education and outdoor experiences grants

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NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY GRANTS

2024 Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Grant

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\$ 0.00 requested

Program Summary

Pre-application Questions

Document Uploads

Activity Log

Program Summary

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

Instructions [Show/Hide](#)

Program Name	<input type="text"/>
Amount Requested <i>Up to \$100,000</i>	\$ <input type="text"/>
Estimated Match <i>At least one-to-one match</i>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Applicant Information

First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>

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Pre-application Questions

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

Instructions [Show/Hide](#)

1. Program summary (one paragraph, 255 characters)

Provide a brief summary that describes your program.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

2. Fiscal sponsor

If different than the lead organization. If no fiscal sponsor, please write "not applicable"

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

3. Program partners

Committed partner organizations.

Maximum characters: 255. You have characters left.

4. Potential partners

Potential partner organizations.

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5. Program length

(Select only one)

- One year
- Two years
- Three years

6. Program narrative (up to one page, 4000 characters)

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

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

7. Goals (up to one page, 4000 characters)

Describe how the program addresses the Nature in Neighborhood nature education and outdoor experiences grant's purpose and goals.

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8. 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. Demonstrate how partnerships center racial equity and BIPOC communities' voices

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

9. Organizational preparedness (up to one page, 4000 characters) Explain why your organization and your partners have the experience and capacity to conduct the project (e.g. racial equity, centering of most impacted communities, planning, implementation, maintenance, reporting and outreach), including identification of key personnel, their roles in the project and their skills, knowledge, experience, and abilities.

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10. Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (up to one page, 4000 characters) Describe how your program involves and benefits Black, Indigenous and communities of color and/or other historically and continually marginalized communities. Describe the demographics of the people involved in identifying the need for, designing, and delivering this programming. How does your organization's vision or mission address racial equity, diversity and inclusion?

For demographic data, visit <http://nces.ed.gov/ccd/index.asp> for information from School Districts or <https://gis.oregonmetro.gov/equityAtlas> for Metro's Regional Equity Atlas.

Maximum characters: 4000. You have characters left.

11. Location and program reach (up to two pages)

On next page, please upload a location/vicinity map that shows where the program and/or participating communities are located within the region, such as on Google Maps, MetroMap, Regional Equity Atlas, or the Regional Conservation Strategy viewer.

I uploaded it!

12. Demographic form (two pages)

On next page, please upload the requested the Nature in Neighborhoods community grants demographic form, which will not be used for the review of your grant application.

I uploaded it!

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Grant team testers

Application Status: Not Submitted

\$ 0.00 requested

Submit Now

Print/Preview

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Documents Requested *

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Required?

Required

Uploaded Documents *

-none-

Upload

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

[Download template: Demographic Data Form](#)

Required

-none-

Upload

If desired, please upload any additional photos, curriculum or materials that help to describe or illustrate the project to the review committee (maximum two pages).

-none-

Upload

Join the review committee!

How to apply

Send us an email

Resume or a written summary of your relevant lived and/or professional experience

Due: October 15, 2024

Note any conflict(s) of interest



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