

LOCAL GRANTS & OTHER FUNDING FOR NATURESCAPING PROJECTS

Are you looking for funding for your nature program or project? We have listed below some upcoming nature-related grant opportunities in the Portland metro area.

Portland and Neighborhood-Specific

The 2017 [North Portland Neighborhood Services \(NPNS\) Small Grant Program](#) funds community activities that engage people in the North Portland Neighborhood Services area. This year a total of \$11,500 is available to neighborhood and community organizations. Grant proposals generally range from \$500-\$3000. The goals of the Small Grant Program include building strong and diverse community participation, leadership and community connections. For more details: www.npnscommunity.org

[The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Small Grants 2016-2017](#) funds projects based in the inner N/NE neighborhoods. The purpose of the grants program is to provide neighborhood and community organizations with the opportunity to improve the quality of life for residents of inner North/Northeast Portland. Awards are selected based on projects' potential to involve and benefit a diverse, broad group of people; build leadership, identity, skills, relationships and partnerships – especially with and among historically underrepresented populations; and increase community capacity to influence public decisions and shape the future of Inner N/NE Portland. For more details:<http://necoalition.org/projects/grants/>

[The Community Watershed Stewardship Program \(CWSP\)](#) provides stewardship grants of up to \$10,000 each for projects that help Portlanders make improvements in their neighborhoods and communities, while improving watershed health. For more information: www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/CWSP

Regional Opportunities

[Metro's Solid Waste Community Enhancement Grants](#) improve economic opportunities, neighborhood livability, public safety and more in areas near the region's garbage transfer facilities. Six communities participate in the program, including Forest Grove, Oregon City, Wilsonville, Sherwood, Troutdale, North Portland and Northwest Portland. More details: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-enhancement-grants>

[EMSWCD's Small Projects and Community Events \(SPACE\) Program](#) provides grants of **up to \$1,500** to support conservation projects, conservation education, and community events that promote natural resource conservation **in the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation**

District. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and Native American tribes. The types of projects/events that are eligible for SPACE Program funding include on-the-ground restoration or conservation projects, pollution prevention projects, education of youth and/or adults, and community events focused on improving the public's understanding of natural resource conservation. Completed application forms are due on the 15th of the month. Guidelines and materials can be found here: <http://emswcd.org/grants-and-cost-share/apply/space/>

EMSWCD's Cooperative Landowner Incentive Program (CLIP) If you are a private landowner or land manager with a natural resource concern (such as soil erosion or water quality) and would like technical and financial assistance to address the problem, the **Cooperative Landowner Incentive Program (CLIP)** might be for you.

CLIP provides 50% cost-share, up to \$7500 per application, to assist with the costs of installing District-approved conservation practices. Properties must be inside EMSWCD's service area, which is all Multnomah County east of the Willamette River.

Eligible applicants:

- Rural acreage, hobby farm, and small woodlot owners
- Commercial farms and nurseries
- Land managers or renters of agricultural land (with landowner's consent)
- Homeowners, homeowner associations or commercial property owners that are:
 - Within 300 feet of a stream, river, or wetland; and/or
 - Within 300 feet of a "high conservation value" natural area as determined by EMSWCD staff; and/or
 - Connected to a system that discharges untreated stormwater directly into a stream or waterway; and/or
 - In addition to the above, if the property is a private, multi-family housing complex, it must be within an EMSWCD equity priority zone.

The Financial Incentives for Sustainable Habitats (FISH) program advances the mission of the **West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District** by leveraging District funds through conservation-related work that is carried out by other organizations and cooperators. Anyone may apply for a FISH grant. However, individual landowners must consult a technical advisor (e.g. watershed council, private consultant, BES, etc.) prior to submitting a grant. The program has two annual deadlines (August and February), an evaluation and selection process, and a mechanism for tracking progress and success. To determine if your project qualifies for a FISH grant, see the [Grant FAQs](#), and [Grant Guidelines](#).

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Community Technology Grants program supports public and non-profit use of interactive, multi-media communications technologies for public

benefit purposes. The MHCRC anticipates granting about \$800,000 in the 2017 grant cycle, beginning with a Pre-Application process. For more details: www.mhcrc.org.

[The Portland Garden Club](#) Each year The Portland Garden Club offers three monetary grants of \$2500 to non-profit agencies in the metropolitan area whose focus is on conservation, horticulture, or education, and whose activities are aligned with the mission statement of The Portland Garden Club. The grant request form can be found online at: <http://www.theportlandgardenclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/grant-request-form-2-28-17.pdf>. For the 2017-18 cycle applications are due to Portland Garden Club by February 28, 2017.

[The RiverHealth Stewardship Program](#) grants, administered by Clackamas County Water Environment Services, are available to groups who seek to improve the health of watersheds located within Clackamas County Service District No. 1. Grants up to \$30,000 are available for rainwater infiltration, environmental restoration, habitat improvement or pavement removal projects that improve watershed health, are visible to the general public and show a clear community benefit. More details: <http://www.riverhealth.org/riverhealth-stewardship-program>

Nationally Competitive Opportunities

[National Environmental Education Foundation](#)'s Every Day Capacity Building Grants provide non-profits that support public land management and friends groups with grant funds of up to \$5,000 to help build their capacity to serve public lands. More details: <http://www.publiclandseveryday.org/grants/capacity-building-grants>