LOCAL AND REGIONAL GRANTS FOR NATURESCAPING PROJECTS

Are you looking for funding for your community-based habitat enhancement or natural gardening project? Here's a list of grant opportunities in the Metro area that might help (updated March 2019).

Portland and Portland Neighborhood-Specific

Fiscal Sponsorship: Are you an individual or group that wants to apply for a grant to support your community project, but don't have registered 501 c 3 non-profit status? Your neighborhood coalition office can help! Please contact them directly to inquire about fiscal sponsorship options. For a list of all neighborhood coalition offices see: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/28390

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: https://www.npnscommunity.org/fund-my-project/

East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Grants award small general grants and civic engagement grants for projects that take place in East Portland for and with people living in East Portland. The most recent application deadline was in Jan 2019. Information about future opportunities and applications in English, Russian and Spanish are available at http:eastportlandactionplan.org/grants or by contacting Angela at angela.previdelli@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5905.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Community Grants Program funds projects based in the inner N/NE neighborhoods. The purpose of the grants program is to support neighborhood and community groups that are working to make Northeast Portland a stronger, more inclusive community. They have funded dozens of innovative projects that have collectively improved the quality of life in our area, and brought its residents closer together. Grants given are up to $2,000 per applicant. For more details: https://www.necoalition.org/grants/

SE Uplift Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants support projects that empower and involve community members in SE Portland to shape and create their communities. The goals of the Small Grant Program are to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and engaged in the broader community; strengthen community capacity to create change by building community leadership, identity, skills, relationships and partnerships; and increase community impact on public decisions and community life. For details see: http://www.seuplift.org/neighborhood-small-grant-program/

[Central Northeast Neighbors Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants Program](https://cnncoalition.org/small-grants/) awards grants ranging from $1000 to $3000 to groups that will engage community in projects that build healthy, connected, and more resilient communities and neighborhoods. For details see: https://cnncoalition.org/small-grants/

[Southwest Neighborhoods SWNI Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants](https://swni.org/grants) Program aims to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and engaged in their communities and neighborhoods; strengthen neighborhood and community capacity to build community leadership, identity, skills, relationships and partnerships; and increase community and neighborhood impact on public decisions and community life. For details see: https://swni.org/grants

[The Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP)](www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/CWSP) The Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) helps Portlanders make improvements in their neighborhoods and communities, while also improving the health of our watersheds. CWSP is a partnership between Environmental Services and Portland State University. CWSP administers two grant programs: Stewardship Grants of up to $12,000 and Native Plant Mini-Grants of up to $500. For details see: www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/CWSP

[The Portland Garden Club](https://www.theportlandgardenclub.org/community/grants/) offers grants of $2,500 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. For details see: https://www.theportlandgardenclub.org/community/grants/

Soil and Water Conservation District and Regional Opportunities

[Watershed Alliance Neighborhood Sustainability Grants](https://thewatershedalliance.org/neighborhood-grants/) - City of Vancouver sites only. The Watershed Alliance offers $22,500, annually, in micro-grants to help Vancouver's neighborhood associations. Projects must provide a clear benefit to the community and focus on enhancing the environment. Grants of up to $2,000 are available. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis until all funds are awarded for the year. The neighborhood is required to contribute a 1-to-1 match of the grant funds. For details see: https://thewatershedalliance.org/neighborhood-grants/

[East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District'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 their 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. For details see: https://emswcd.org/grants-and-cost-share/apply/space/

EMSWCD's Cooperative Landowner Incentive Program (CLIP) – provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners or land managers with a natural resource concern, such as soil erosion or water quality. 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. For details see: https://emswcd.org/grants-and-cost-share/apply/for-private-landowners/

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District's Financial Incentives for Sustainable Habitats (FISH) Program leverages 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. For details see: https://wmswcd.org/programs/financial-incentives-for-sustainable-habitats-fish-grants/

Clackamas County Water Environment Services' RiverHealth Stewardship Program awards grants 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. For details see: http://www.riverhealth.org/riverhealth-stewardship-program

Tualatin Watershed Improvement Grant (TWIG) Program offers grants up to $5,000 for certain conservation-related projects and events that promote conservation within the Tualatin River Watershed community. Successful project applications are those that demonstrate a clear public benefit in one or more of the following areas: conservation-related events; pollinators or beneficial insects; native and/or water-wise landscaping; school and community gardens; and rainwater management. Awards are made on a monthly, rolling basis. For details see: https://www.swcd.net/grants-funding/twig-program/

Tualatin River Environmental Enhancement (TREE) Grant Program awards grants from $5,000 to $100,000 for projects that promote conservation within Washington County. Successful project applications are those that demonstrate a clear public benefit in one or more of the following areas: water quality, water quantity, soil health and erosion, invasive species management, fish and wildlife habitat, and forest health. If you have a great idea for a conservation project, we want to hear from you! Applications are accepted twice a year (Feb 1 and July 1). Coordination with Tualatin SWCD staff is required prior to application submission, so please get in touch with us as early as possible to discuss your project. For details see: https://www.swcd.net/grants-funding/tualatin-river-environmental-enhancement-grant-program/

Metro's Community Placemaking Grants support creative projects that empower people to make changes they want to see in their neighborhoods. Grants range from $5,000 to $25,000. No matching funds are required. Community-based organizations with property-owner permission, public agencies with community partner involvement are encouraged to apply. For details see: https://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-placemaking-grants or contact Dana Lucero at Dana.Lucero@OregonMetro.gov with questions or to set up an individual meeting.

Metro's Community Enhancement Grants improve economic opportunities, neighborhood livability, public safety and more in areas near the region's garbage transfer facilities. Nonprofit organizations, schools or local governments can apply for the grants. In recent years, successful applicants have included neighborhood, environmental, health and education organizations. There are eight target grant areas: NW Portland, Oregon City, Forest Grove, Gresham, North Vanport Legacy, Sherwood, Troutdale, and Wilsonville. For details see: http://www.oregonmetro.gov/tools-partners/grants-and-resources/community-enhancement-grants