



Community Placemaking grant program

Themes from the 2022 application cycle

Applications for Metro's Community Placemaking grants were accepted August 6 through October 1, 2021. Metro received 82 applications requesting more than \$1.7 million. Up to \$193,000 will be awarded in grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Awards will be announced in early January 2022. More information about the Community Placemaking program can be found at www.oregonmetro.gov/placemaking.

HEALTH, WELLBEING AND HEALING

- Celebrating our resilience and strength
- Healing
- Resilience
- African immigrants' and African Americans' sense of place
- Stigma faced by people living with a mental health diagnosis
- Black love and resilience
- Needs of people experiencing homelessness
- Support to age independently
- Social isolation of people living with disabilities
- Impact of converging crises on young people
- Mental health of East Portland neighbors
- Healing from land-based trauma for Black, Indigenous, Asian/Pacific Islander communities
- Support systems for sex workers of color
- Impacts of COVID-19
- Community connections and celebrations
- Social isolation
- Celebrating resilience
- Pride
- Sense of identity and belonging
- Celebrating identity
- Healing from historical trauma sparked by colonization
- Arts and culture's role in healing
- Access to nutritious, culturally appropriate foods
- Access to culturally appropriate, nature-focused self-care and wellness resources
- Impacts of COVID-19 on people living with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Reducing stigma around intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Isolation of elders and families during COVID-19
- Healing connections with land and food
- Uplifting Indigenous artists and entrepreneurs
- Black and Brown Portlanders' sense of belonging
- Queer individuals who are marginalized within BIPOC communities
- BIPOC individuals who are marginalized in Queer spaces
- Sense of pride and ownership in helping to make our communities a better place
- Social and mental health challenges related to COVID-19 precautions
- Natural habitat improvement
- Building coalitions with communities with targeted identities
- Mental health and wellness opportunities for youth of color
- Enhancing wellness through culturally responsive programming
- Appreciation of nature
- Social and socioeconomic stress on youth from COVID-19
- Youth-centered healing
- Connection to farming

SOCIAL AND URBAN PROBLEMS

- Homelessness
- Displacement
- Food insecurity
- Black lives lost to state-sanctioned violence
- Systematic unrooting of Black Portlanders from N/NE Portland
- Erasure of African American culture and businesses in N/NE Portland
- Incidents of hate violence
- Addressing the increase in hate crimes specifically against Asian Americans
- Challenges to women and girls living in poverty
- Negative influences of socially-toxic virtual landscapes and media
- Urban tree canopy
- Importance of stormwater infrastructure
- Impacts of climate change

CULTURE AND HISTORY

- Sharing little-known history of Portland Harbor communities
- The role of immigrant/BIPOC labor in the development of Portland's infrastructure and culture
- Reckoning with the past
- Preserving oral history of Japanese elders
- Role of food in connection to heritage and identity
- Support for Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander communities
- Recognizing Latin American cultures
- Celebrating Latino communities
- Opportunity and support for Black Portlanders telling their own stories
- Indigenous traditional eco-education
- Recognition of Asian American, Pacific Islander contributions to Portland
- Recognition of Asian American, Pacific Islander artists
- Historic trauma around growing food
- Connection to elder wisdom and cultural teachings for youth
- Sharing immigrant stories to foster empathy and build a more inclusive community
- Combating historical erasure by bringing marginalized voices to public spaces
- Sharing ancestral knowledge
- Representation of Indigenous communities from Mexico, Central and South America who live in Oregon
- Educating community and preserving Indigenous traditions, customs, practices
- Reclaiming Indigenous narratives
- Celebrating Pacific Islander heritage, culture and traditions
- Lack of support for Latino/Hispanic events
- Lack of trust and social cohesion within the Latino community
- Recognition of the Indigenous people who lived in Vanport
- Representation of Latinx families, heritage and culture in Hillsboro

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- Access to after school programming
- Collaboration with youth for long-term solutions
- Black youth engagement opportunities
- Opportunities for youth facing the risk of homelessness, incarceration, and institutional systems
- Preventing foster youth aging out of DHS systems from falling through the gaps
- Access to technology for low-income students
- Youth leadership development
- Access to art opportunities for youth during COVID-19
- Youth involvement in liberation work
- Mentoring youth impacted by the juvenile justice system and/or housing instability

ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

- Need for an online marketplace for people of color
- Educational opportunities for communities of color and Jade District residents
- Leadership and capacity building for renters in low-income areas
- Access to skilled construction careers for BIPOC, formerly incarcerated and low income adults
- Equitable access to print and publication resources
- BIPOC small business support
- Learning about nature and science
- Access to communication devices and technology
- BIPOC access to affordable print and publication resources
- Creating barrier-free venues for historically under-served and emerging artists and creative businesses to access resources and launch community projects
- Equity and economic opportunity for East Portland residents
- Race-based inequities and underrepresentation in STEM fields
- Opportunities for meaningful career preparation in the creative digital field
- Rectifying the oppression and displacement of farmers market vendors of color
- Building consistent and successful farmers market pathways for BIPOC farmers, LGBTQ+ farmers and beginning farmers
- Supporting startup businesses
- Lack of access to digital resources and education
- Lack of opportunity and safe places for BIPOC makers to sell wares
- Building social capital and economic empowerment through entrepreneurship
- Environmental education and stewardship
- Creation of sewing collectives as a pathway to cultural resources for women and girls

IMPORTANT PLACES AND ACCESS TO THEM

- Affordable and welcoming access to safe community gathering spaces
- Farming spaces and support for BIPOC community members
- Safe and welcoming spaces for BIPOC communities
- Creating a welcoming community hub for BIPOC neighbors
- Making bike riding more accessible in Cully
- New affordable housing
- Need for community gathering space
- Welcoming spaces
- Reemergence and activation of downtown Portland
- BIPOC access to natural areas and outdoor recreation
- The need for community-minded street-level activation in Old Town
- Afrofuturist vision of Albina
- Highlighting Black businesses, art, and culture in the Soul District of N/NE Portland
- Converting unused outdoor spaces into usable community and event space
- Opportunities for marginalized communities to lead events and have places to safely gather

ARTS

- Access to art
- Increasing culturally significant art programming
- Access to arts for people living with disabilities
- Access to culturally relevant Indigenous music education
- Lack of Indigenous performing arts spaces
- Lack of arts spaces and programming for Latino communities
- Access to arts education
- Access to arts opportunities for people holding marginalized identities
- Lack of representation by artists who depict the racial, gender and sexual diversity
- Lack of access to space and funding for dance events