

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING FISCAL) RESOLUTION NO. 24-5442
YEAR 2024-25 FUNDING FOR GRANTS)
FUNDED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION EXCISE) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
TAX) Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
) Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, in 2006, Metro adopted Ordinance No. 06-1115, establishing a construction excise tax (CET) to generate revenue for providing grants to local governments for regional and local planning; and

WHEREAS, the CET has awarded more than \$30 million to local governments through the 2040 Planning and Development Grant program for planning work across the region; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2018, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 18-4882, which approved additional refinements to the Administrative Rules, providing for the creation of a technical assistance component of the program to facilitate successful implementation of 2040 Planning and Development Grants by providing additional professional expertise as needed to successfully accomplish grant objectives; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2018, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-1425 which amended Metro Code chapter 7.04 to remove the provision that the CET sunset in 2020 and implemented additional refinements to four other subsections of the code to more clearly reflect current program policies and facilitate program and CET administration; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2024, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance No. 24-1509 which amended Metro Code chapter 7.04 to expand the availability of 2040 Planning and Development grants to include federally recognized Tribes and certain community groups inside unincorporated urban areas; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, the Metro Chief Operating Officer (COO) approved amendments to the Administrative Rules that govern 2040 Planning and Development Grants to implement the code changes and improve program flexibility, effectiveness, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2024, the COO established a 2040 Planning and Development Grant Screening Committee (Grant Screening Committee) consisting of eight members with broad expertise in planning and development to provide the COO an assessment of the strength of each grant application in accordance with the criteria set forth in Metro Code Chapter 7.04 and the Administrative Rules; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the Grant Screening Committee Chair submitted the committee's recommendations to the COO identifying the projects the committee believes best meet the stated program goals and evaluation criteria and therefore merit grant funding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 7.04 and the Administrative Rules, the COO reviewed the recommendations of the Grant Screening Committee, and presented to the Metro Council the COO's recommendations for Cycle 24Q4 grant funding at a Metro Council meeting on November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has reviewed the recommendations of the COO and the comments provided by the Grant Screening Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council accepts the COO's recommendation to award funds as outlined in Exhibit A and as recommended by the Grant Screening Committee; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

1. Makes the grant awards for the fiscal year 2024-2025 grant cycle totaling \$1,560,000, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, to those grant recipients and for those projects and in the amounts listed in Exhibit A; and
2. Authorizes and directs the Metro COO and staff, and the Office of Metro Attorney, to finalize project scoping and grant agreements with the grant recipients, which must set forth milestones and funding disbursement dates that comply with the Metro Code Construction Excise Tax Chapter 7.04, the CET Administrative Rules, this Resolution No. 24-5442 and Exhibit A attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of December 2024.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney