

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program
Third Round Grant Awards
Grant Review Committee Recommendations to the Metro Council

Total award amount recommended: \$ 6,266,853

Organization Name: City of Tigard
Application Title: Red Rock Creek Trail Implementation
Requested Amount: \$ 1,000,000
Property owner: City of Tigard
Partners: ESG Partners LLC, SWEC/Unite Oregon, Energy Trust of Oregon, PGE, ODOE, ODOT,
Project Summary: Construction of a pedestrian/bike bridge over the Trimet WES and Pacific & Western Railroad line and Fuller rail yard for improved access to Nature within the Tigard Town Center as part of the Red Rock Creek Trail and Tigard/Lake Oswego regional trail.

Organization Name: Friends of Gladstone Nature Park
Application Title: Gladstone Nature Park Inclusive Bird Pavilion
Requested Amount: \$ 132,000
Property owner: City of Gladstone
Partners: City of Gladstone; Bird Alliance of Oregon; Washington School for the Deaf; Gladstone School District; Clackamas County Library; Clackamas Bookshelf; Backyard Bird Shop; Portland State University; Greater Clackamas Watershed Council
Project Summary: The Inclusive Bird Pavilion near the new ADA loop trail in Gladstone Nature Park will enable all visitors to enjoy the park's 100+ bird species out of the rain on a paved trail. It includes features for the blind and visually-impaired, ADA accessibility.

Organization Name: Housing Authority of Washington County
Application Title: Aloha-Reedville Housing Wetland Restoration
Requested Amount: \$ 750,000
Property owner: Metro purchased the site through regional housing bond in partnership with WA County, however, the long-term owner will be the Housing Authority of Washington County.
Partners: Unite Oregon
Project Summary: Restore wetland habitat at affordable housing development, enhancing existing natural resources, water quality, and climate resilience. Integrates ecological restoration with community needs by providing open space, wildlife habitat, stormwater management.

Organization Name: Human Access Project
Application Title: Central Eastside Willamette River Seasonal Activation Pilot
Requested Amount: \$ 250,000
Property owner: Portland Parks and Recreation - Audrey McCall Beach, Eastbank Esplanade, and Holman Dock. Portland Fire and Rescue - Public Fire House Dock
Partners: Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R), Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC), Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND), Portland Fire and Rescue (PF&R), Friends of Green Loop and Secret Roller Disco.

Project Summary: Audrey McCall Beach, the public Fire House Dock and vicinity in Central Eastside are prime river edge spaces that have not reached their potential. Activation will transform use of our city's 2nd largest public space and natural area the Willamette River.

Organization Name: King City, OR

Application Title: King City Community Park Forest Path

Requested Amount: \$ 407,300

Property owner: City of King City

Partners: Clean Water Services

Project Summary: This project will fund development and maintenance of a nature trail in the King City Community Park. There is currently a roughly 5 acre wooded area immediately adjacent to the current park field that needs to be upgraded for safety and access.

Organization Name: Lan Su Chinese Garden

Application Title: Block 24 Garden Project

Requested Amount: \$ 100,000

Property owner: Prosper Portland

Partners: Community for Positive Aging, Asian Food Pantry, Lan Su Chinese Garden and Growing Gardens.

Project Summary: The Block 24 Garden Project will expand a community garden in Portland's Chinatown, doubling Asian vegetable production, enhancing food access for seniors, and creating an inclusive space that fosters cultural connection and climate-resilient practices.

Organization Name: Llewellyn Elementary School, Portland Public Schools

Application Title: Llewellyn's Climate Resilient Schoolyard Project

Requested Amount: \$ 579,486

Property owner: Portland Public Schools

Partners: Juncus Studio Landscape Architecture, PPS Facilities Manager & Sustainability Coordinator, Friends of Oaks Bottom, City of Portland: BES education program, Sellwood Community House, NatureHood, Garden Club and Science Advisor, Friends of Moreland Woods

Project Summary: Llewellyn Elementary is creating an inclusive, accessible, climate-resilient natural space for learning and play, fostering environmental stewardship and supporting our neighbors, Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge and Moreland Woods, home to diverse wildlife.

Organization Name: Lloyd EcoDistrict

Application Title: Peace Memorial Park Revitalization: A Community-Led Vision for Connection and Conservation

Requested Amount: \$ 260,047

Property owner: Portland Bureau of Transportation owns Peace Memorial Park. Lloyd EcoDistrict holds a renewable 5-year stewardship agreement with PBOT, enabling improvements and regular activation, fostering greater neighborhood ownership of this vital green space.

Partners: Veterans for Peace, Union Pacific, PLACE Landscape Architects, Jubitz Family Foundation, PBOT, Portland Street Art Alliance, Mayor's Office, Lloyd ESD, Xerces Society, Alva@ole, Swire Coca-Cola, Mason Bruce & Girard, and City of Portland.

Project Summary: Peace Memorial Park transforms a PBOT easement into a vibrant hub linking Lloyd to the Willamette. With pollinator gardens, art, and stormwater solutions, it fosters equity, climate resilience, and connectivity at one of Portland's most biked locations.

Organization Name: North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District

Application Title: Park at Jennings Lodge Campus (community participation for naming will occur during construction)

Requested Amount: \$ 1,000,000

Property owner: Oregon City School District (OCSD)

Partners: OCSD; NCPRD has an agreement with OCSD to design, permit, build and maintain the park on school district-owned property.

Project Summary: NCPRD is partnering with the Oregon City School District to develop a neighborhood park at Jennings Lodge Elementary School. The project aims to bring nature and play amenities to multiple communities in an area that is currently deficient in parks.

Organization Name: Portland State University

Application Title: PSU Oak Savanna & ITECK Center

Requested Amount: \$ 600,000

Property owner: Portland State University

Partners: ITECK Program, Center for Public Interest Design (CPID), PLACE Architecture

Project Summary: Funds will support the completion of PSU's Indigenous Traditional Ecological and Cultural Knowledge (ITECK) Center Living Building capital project. The project involves student design-build, broad community input and restoration of an urban Oak Savanna.

Organization Name: The AfroVillage PDX

Application Title: The AfroFuturism Oasis

Requested Amount: \$ 988,020

Property owner: Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)

Partners: PBOT; BPS; TriMet; Omega Morgan:Heavy rail moving; KPFF:Civil/Structural Engineer; PAE:Solar/Energy Engineer; Energy Trust of Oregon; Earth Engineers:Geotech; PLACE:Landscape Architect; Albina Vision Trust; Portland State University

Project Summary: AfroVillage PDX is converting a retiring MAX train and an underutilized site in N Portland into the "AfroFuturism Oasis"- a sanctuary space that blends nature, green energy, and Afro-futuristic design to create a healing oasis for BIPOC communities.

Organization Name: Unite Oregon

Application Title: Black Wellness Center Community Garden Initiative

Requested Amount: \$ 200,000

Property owner: Portland Parks and Recreation

Partners: Portland Parks and Recreation

Project Summary: We will expand the current community garden offerings in East Portland to include a garden built for and by the Black community in East Portland in association with the Black Wellness Center, focused on healing, wellness, and empowerment.